

THE FUNDAMENTAL LIST

RECOVERING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

PART 3: THE SIN KNOT

If Jesus is the King, he makes the rules. So in order to be a faithful follower of Jesus, we all need to acknowledge and embrace Jesus's definition of sin.

CONNECT

Growing up, were you more of a rule follower or a loophole finder?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what was talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Have you had a time in your life where you, like Andy, believed it didn't matter how you treated people because you and God were good to go? What is missing from this approach to Christianity?
2. In the video, Andy described a common assumption—"If the Bible doesn't condemn it, God must condone it!" Why is this approach incomplete at best?
3. Compare the temple model ("When you sin, you break the law!") and the Jesus model ("When you sin, you break yourself and others, which breaks God's heart"). How does the Jesus model of faith change the way you view rules?
4. Addictions start off as magical ("It's the best!"), then turn medicinal ("I need it!"), and end miserable ("How do I get out of it?"). Is there a habit in your life that falls into one of these categories?



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BEFORE NEXT TIME

Before next time, spend some time on the questions Andy ended the video with: “Are you harming yourself or others? Are you willing to leave your sin?” Consider listing the ways you are harming yourself or others and sharing them with a trusted, safe person in your life. Ask that person to pray with you.

PRAY

Take some time to thank God for a group that is an authentic, safe place for people to be vulnerable, knowing that when we are surrendered to the Father and sin is brought into the light, it loses its power.

Fundamental #3: Jesus defined sin as anything that harms you or others.

