

WILD GOOSE CHASE
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ICEBREAKER:

Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:

- What is the most significant thing that has happened to you in the past week?

INTRODUCTION:

In order to experience the “Wild Goose” chase, sin must be dealt with through a process of confession. Our lives are transformed when we confess our sins to God.

How has sin kept you from chasing the “Wild Goose”?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. List some ways people rationalize their sin.
2. Why do people dislike or shy away from the word “sin”?
3. What terms or words do we use instead of the word “sin”?
4. From our story in 2 Samuel 11, how do you think David rationalized his sins?
5. Read Psalm 51. Make a list of observations about sin, about David, and about confession.

6. Roger listed the three-step process for confession: admit your sin; agree with God over your sin; ask for forgiveness. Which of these three steps come easiest to you? Which is hardest?

7. Psalm 32 is a sequel to Psalm 51. Read Psalm 32. From this Psalm...

- What are the benefits of confession?
- What are the downsides of not confessing sins?
- Besides confession, what does God challenge us to do?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

1. David’s six words “I have sinned against the Lord” were a turning point for him in his relationship with God. Reflect on what this statement would mean for you.
2. What do you need to come clean with God on right now?
3. Use the three steps for confession: Admit your sin; agree with God over your sin; ask for forgiveness.
4. Read through Psalm 51 this week—personalize it as if you were writing these words about yourself.

THINK ABOUT IT (Something to memorize or chew on)

“I have sinned against the LORD.” 2 Samuel 12:13 (TNIV)