

# Doubt | week of **May 7** | Christians Behaving Badly | **LEADER GUIDE**

## **new leader tip**

*In today's guide, we're encouraging groups to go through a Youversion Bible reading plan together. Get acquainted with Youversion before your group. Practice using the plan feature. At the end of each day's reading, there is space to leave comments and connect with each other right in the plan! We're recommending trying [this plan](#) this week! We hope that if it helps your group take next steps with God, you'll continue to find plans and read scripture together all summer long.*

## **SCRIPTURE AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

*In 1 John 1|5-9, the Apostle John emphasizes the importance of walking in the light of God and confessing our sins when we fail to do so. When Christians handle sin as if they're not guilty themselves, they can come across as hypocritical and judgemental. John says they "deceive themselves and the truth is not in them." Furthermore, it's when we confess our sins that Jesus forgives us.*

## **go deeper**

**Schedule accountability!** *Break into pairs. Share one step you can take to be a better example of Christ-likeness; or one way you're often tempted to behave unlike Jesus. Then, set up a daily time this week to touch base (in person, phone call, text...) Talk about how prayer, scripture, confession and community can help sharpen our faith and keep us aligned with the teachings and character of Jesus!*

## **NEXT STEPS**

*We hope you'll start [this reading plan](#) this week. Next week we start a preaching series on the book of Mark and will encourage your group to read through the book together all series long. This five-day plan will hopefully get your group primed for reading scripture together, and hopefully can be something you keep going.*

**If you want to save time during your group, let your group know about this before they come to group.** *Ask people to share with you their profile and start making friend-requests. If you do this before group, it will make getting people in the reading plan much smoother.*

## **GROUP INTERACTIVE: SUMMER PLAN**

*Talk about what summer will look like for your group.*

*Think about:*

*When is your last weekly gathering?*

*How will you continue to connect with each other?*

*What is the plan for serving in your community? Does your group know the Serve Fest plan for your campus?*

*How can your group stay engaged with "the one" over the summer?*

*When is the group going to start meeting again regularly?*

*Are there any changes happening to the group? (are you multiplying? If so, what does that mean? Will there be a new apprentice? Will there be a change in location this fall?)*

## **EXTRA INFO**

**STEP ONE** | If anyone in your group hasn't attended Step One, you can find the time and RSVP [here](#).

**LEAD OUT** | Any leaders or apprentices or potential apprentices or anyone who might be a leader in any capacity at 2|42 should sign up for [one of these Lead Out options](#).

**CAMPS** | Registration for [Summer Jam](#) (current 1-4 graders), [Mix](#) (current 5-7 graders), and [Move](#) (current 8-12 graders) are open now.

Check the "What's happening" button on the app, and the events page for your campus to find specific event details.

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## ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What are some things you are nostalgic about?

**this week's big idea:** *deconstructing a negative experience with Christians; the fruit of a true follower of Jesus is love and obedience*

*What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?*

## SCRIPTURE + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### **1 John 1|5-9**

1. *What does this passage tell us about the nature of God?*
2. *Why is it important to confess our sins?*
3. *Confession can be uncomfortable... what should confession look like in the church? In a small group?*
4. *How does this passage speak to the behavior of Christians that can cause people to doubt?*

### **John 13|34-35**

1. *What is the significance of Jesus saying that our love for one another will be a witness to the world?*
2. *How have you experienced this... how has someone demonstrated Jesus' love to you?*
3. *What practical step can you take to walk in the light and to demonstrate Christ-like love towards others?*

## NEXT STEPS

### ***daily encounter: scripture***

*One step we can all take is to read and study scripture. Take time to get connected as friends on the Youversion Bible App and invite each other to [this 5-day plan](#) related to the theme of doubt based on the behavior of Christians.*

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## PRAYER

Share group prayer requests and pray for one another and the next steps identified.