

Small Group Discussion Questions

Following the Weekend of May 16-17, 2026

No need to answer every question. Feel free to jump around.

Getting Serious About Sin

(I Peter 4:1-7)

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Group Interaction & Application

Read aloud together I Peter 4:1-7.

What words, phrases, concepts, or images from these verses stand out to you as you just read them, or create curiosity for you in some way?

What aspects of Pastor Alan's message gave you fresh insight into this passage, or helped you the most in understanding these verses and what we experience here?

What's something in life that seemed harmless at first but became more influential than you expected?

Sin is not passive, it shapes us. Pastor Alan highlighted in his message four specific things sin does in our lives - things that we can't afford to ignore.

First, **Sin weakens us. (I Peter 4:1)**

Pastor Alan described sin as a "transfer of power." What does that mean to you?

Can you think of examples where giving into a sinful behavior actually reduced freedom rather than increased it?

Is there an area where you've slowly surrendered power/control?

On the flip side, every time we resist sin, we get stronger. Why is resisting temptation often strengthening, even when it's painful?

Second, **Sin derails us. (I Peter 4:2)**

Pastor Alan highlighted that *"Sin doesn't dabble. It directs. It derails. It will take us somewhere we never intended to go."*

What's the difference between seeing sin as a single choice versus a direction/path?

Have you ever experienced how repeated choices have shaped your desires or how you think?

Why do you think sin tends to make us think short-term?

Is there any area where you sense God inviting you to change course now before the path goes farther?

Third, **Sin distorts our perspective. (I Peter 4:3)**

In what ways do you see culture normalizing things God warns against?

How can Christians speak honestly about sin without becoming judgmental or shame-driven?

As you reflect in your personal life journey, is there any area where your perspective may have slowly shifted away from God's truth?

Fourth, **Sin makes us forget who we are accountable to. (I Peter 4:5)**

Sin convinces us we belong only to ourselves. But Scripture reminds us that we belong to God and will one day give account to Him. Why is accountability to God difficult for us to embrace at times?

Have you been living more independently from God or dependently on Him?

Based on C.S. Lewis' lizard illustration, why do you believe we grow attached to destructive sins or habits? What made the illustration powerful to you?

What is the lizard on your shoulder? And what step is God inviting you to take? Remember, this is not about condemnation, it's about freedom.

Conclude by praying for one another in taking practical next steps in applying this weekend's message and group discussion, after which pray for group needs and concerns.

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