

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

Date 11/16/25 Bryce Taylor

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## BIBLE PASSAGES -

**Matthew 5:29** If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell

**Romans 12** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. **2** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**Romans 6:11** In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. **12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. **13** Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. **14** For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

**Ezekiel 36:26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

**Other Passages:** Romans 3:22, Matthew 5:21-28, Jeremiah 17:9, John 3:3, Matthew 5:29-30

## Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

**Care:**

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. Bryce said: "*Jesus did not come for behavior modification but to save us from sin,*" What is the difference between **behavior modification** and **heart transformation**
2. What are subtle ways believers sometimes "feed" sin without realizing it?
3. If true change requires dealing with the root, what makes us gravitate toward trimming behaviors instead of looking honestly at the condition of our heart?
4. Take time to read Ezekiel 36 and John 3, both share about God giving us *a new heart*. How have you personally experienced God changing your desires, not just your behaviors?
5. Bryce mentioned that lust and similar sins often come from unmet relational needs or unresolved hurts. Can you think of times you are tempting and consider how you might use your small group for connection and confession.

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**