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GROUP STUDY GUIDE

What is Sin?

TEACHING SUMMARY

Scripture makes it clear that believers are not to continue in sin, even though we all fall short. Through Yeshua, we receive forgiveness, but grace is not a license to keep sinning.

The Bible provides several descriptions of sin, but the most concrete definition is that sin is the transgression of God's Law (1 John 3:4). The Hebrew word for sin, *chatah*, means "to miss the mark." This connects directly to the Torah, which means "instruction" and serves as the guidance for hitting the mark—living in right relationship with God.

God's Law defines what is righteous and what is not. It shows us how to love God and others, and it reveals what sin is. Without the Law, we would not have a clear understanding of sin.

Because of this, sin is serious. It is not simply a vague concept or personal feeling—it is defined by whether we are walking in alignment with God's instructions. As believers, we are called to examine our lives, repent where needed, and pursue holiness through obedience to God's Word.

SUMMARY POINTS

- Believers are called to not continue in sin.
- Grace is not a license to keep sinning.
- Sin can mean "missing the mark."
- The Torah (God's Law) shows us how to hit the mark.
- Sin is defined as breaking God's Law.
- The Law reveals what sin is.
- Righteousness and love are defined by God's commandments.
- Sin is serious and should not be taken lightly.

- Believers must examine their lives and repent when needed.
- Obedience to God is central to living a holy life.

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Basic

1. Believers are not to continue in _____.
 2. Grace is not a _____ to keep sinning.
 3. The Hebrew word *chatah* means to _____ the mark.
 4. The Torah means _____ or direction.
 5. Sin is defined as breaking God's _____.
 6. The Law gives us knowledge of _____.
 7. Righteousness is defined by God's _____.
 8. Believers are called to live a life of _____.
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Challenging

1. Sin separates us from _____.
 2. The Torah helps us _____ the mark.
 3. Without the Law, we would not know what _____ is.
 4. Lawlessness means being against _____.
 5. Loving others is defined by keeping God's _____.
 6. Sin is described as _____ God's Law.
 7. Believers must _____ and align with God's will.
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GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to “miss the mark” in a practical sense?

2. Why is it important to have a clear, biblical definition of sin?

3. How does the Torah help us understand what sin is?

4. Why is grace not a license to continue in sin?

5. How are love and obedience connected according to Scripture?

6. What are some areas where believers might unknowingly be out of alignment with God’s Law?

7. How should we respond when we realize something in our life is sin?

8. Why is it important to take sin seriously in our walk with God?

ANSWER KEY

Basic

1. Sin
 2. License
 3. Miss
 4. Instruction
 5. Law
 6. Sin
 7. Commandments
 8. Obedience
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Challenging

1. God
2. Hit
3. Sin
4. Torah (or God's Law)
5. Commandments
6. Transgressing
7. Repent