

1. One of the themes introduced initially in the message this week was that of masks. Sometimes we wear masks to scare others, sometimes to hide what scares us about ourselves. But sometimes we try to put a mask on God. Why do we try to mask God? What masks do you try to put on God?
2. The church in Acts 4:32 and following was of one heart and mind. This means there was a significant sense of unity but it also means that there was a significant sense of community that included intimacy, authenticity, and compassion. What is needed in others and in you to have that sort of community?
3. Can you imagine being in a place where you would give away everything you have to help others and not only to help others, but to give up control of how it helped others (they laid it at the apostle's feet)? What motivated them to give like that?
4. Reading the story of Ananias and Sapphira could either lower your estimation of God's goodness or increase your estimation of sin's badness. Why do we tend to diminish the seriousness of our own sin?
5. Dan talked about three ways to look at sin. Chatah means to miss the mark. Avar means to cross a line. Mayal means to be unfaithful. Which category of sin do you struggle with the most?
6. Do some bible digging for verses related to repentance and confession. You can search BibleGateway or use the concordance on your own bible. What impacts you on what the bible says about our response to sin?
7. Finally, do some bible digging on grace and God's forgiveness of our sins. What impacts you about God's response to our confession and repentance?