

The Seriousness of Sin and Repentance
Mark 9:42-50
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1. Protect your brethren from sin and temptation (42)

2. Take radical measures in your own life against sin and temptation (43-48)

3. Have salt in yourself and be at peace with your brethren (49-50)

Next week: Mark 10:1-12

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Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. What would happen to a person if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea? (verse 42)
3. What is hell?
4. What does the reality of hell tell us about sin? Explain this.
5. Where are people headed who treat sin and temptation lightly? How do people whose citizenship is in heaven treat sin and temptation?
6. What should you do if your friend has been tempting you to sin and you have been yielding to this temptation? Why?
7. What does it mean to have salt in you? (verse 50)

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon affect you?
2. How did this sermon change your view of sin, hell, repentance, or God?
3. What are some practical ways in which we can protect one another from sin and temptation?
4. Think through recent times when you have yielded to temptation. Is there something that has been influencing you to sin that Christ would have you remove from your life? Maybe some activity you have been doing (“your hand”), some place you have been going (“your foot”), something you have been looking at (“your eye”)? Explain.
5. Suppose someone after reading this passage throws out their TV because it has been a continued source of temptation. But after a week, they purchase a new TV and continue to yield to temptation that comes from their TV. What seems to have been missing in this person’s application of the Word of God to their situation?
6. How is Christ’s teaching about not causing another believer to sin, and His teaching about cutting out of your life things that cause you to sin, different from legalism? The Pharisees were very zealous to add fences around God’s commandments to ensure that God’s commandments were obeyed. How is Christ’s teaching different from this?
7. How should verses 49-50 affect your daily life, the life of your family, and/or your interactions as a fellowship group?
8. How can you help our church as a whole follow the instructions in verse 50?