

CORE—NEW Lesson 7 (2025-26 edition) Facilitator’s Guide:

The Sin I Avoid—Turning Your Back on Sin & Walking in Holiness
For Bible Classes, Small Groups, Family Studies, & Individual Studies

Aim: To help those you minister to be able to identify sin, turn from it, and walk in holiness through baptism and holy living.

Key Bible Verse: John 8:11—“And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; **go, and sin no more.**”

Special Note: Remember, no new content needs to be shared in these facilitated CORE classes other than what is below. The sermon is intended to provide the biblical foundation and personal inspiration for class time. Teachers can then help move students through the discussion, activity, and self-made commitments by gentle prompts and continual encouragement. The evidence of a good facilitated class is when students speak more than the facilitator. May God bless this study.

Bible Class Welcome & Prayer (3-4 minutes)

- **Review** the purpose of CORE (to know, live, & share the Christian Faith) & discuss progress so far in personal, family, & class goals.
- **Ice Breaker:** What is a silly or serious bad habit that you have been able to kick? (How did you do it, & how is it going?)

Discussion—The Sin I Avoid (about 30-35 minutes)

- **The Continuum of Holiness**

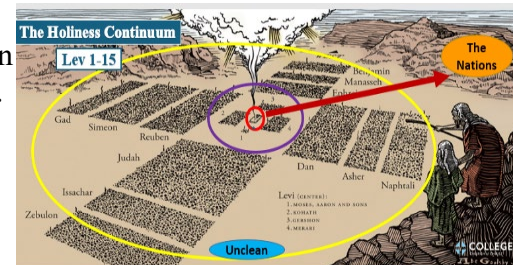
1. Ask for 2-3 definitions of ‘sin/sinful’ and ‘holy/holiness’ to write on the board (**3 mins**).
2. Draw the continuum of holiness and spheres of community from Leviticus on the board.



3. Discuss whether it is useful to think of holiness as having 2 categories (in or out) or as a continuum with 4 or more degrees of closeness/fariness from God/people. (**7-10 mins**)
 - Encourage everyone to use scripture to support their position (e.g. draw near to God & he draws near to you, James 4:8)
4. List some acts today that might cause a person to move closer toward the ideal of community with God/people or father away from God/people. (**7-10 mins**)
 - What are some practical ways to move 1 step closer toward God/people?
 - What are some practical ways to help someone else move 1 step closer?
5. How do we know if we have “gone and sinned no more”? (Jn 8:11; cf. 1 Jn 2:1) or “Are holy, for the Lord is holy” (Lev 19:2; 1 Pet 1:16)? (**7-10 mins**)

Going Deeper Homework—B.A.T. Challenge for the Month:

- **B**elieve – Study what it means to “go and sin no more”? (Jn 8:11; cf. 1 Jn 2:1) and “Be holy, for God is holy” (Lev 19:2; 1 Pet 1:16). Write up a summary of your conclusions.
- **A**ct – Follow the scriptures by becoming a Christian and then overcoming sin and progressing in holiness this week.
- **T**each – Share the story of where you are on the continuum of holiness or help someone else move toward holiness this week. Share your story on the App’s CORE discussion page.



12 Spiritual Disciplines Challenge (Try to complete all 12 by the end of the 12 month study of CORE):

1. **Write a Letter to God:** Express your heart's deepest thoughts to your creator and Lord in writing.
2. **Play with Others:** Have fun with family, friends, neighbors, or acquaintances as service to God.
3. **Hospitality:** Use your home, money, resources, or time to care for someone else's needs.
4. **Sabbath Keeping:** Choose a day to break from your regular routine. Prepare ahead of time and make sure that others can sabbath with you.
5. **Submission to God:** Submit to the Word of God in a specific area where you have been resisting him.
6. **Pray for the Success of a Competitor:** Seek God on behalf of someone with whom you don't always see eye-to-eye.
7. **Secret Service:** Do good for someone without drawing attention to your act.
8. **Deaccumulation:** Get rid of something that you do not need or something you value as a gift for another.
9. **No Gossip Day:** Do not spread true or false information about others that ought not be shared.
10. **Fast:** Give up a meal, social media, or even speaking for a day to devote more time to God and others.
11. **Worship:** Spend time in extended prayer, singing, reading/memorizing scripture, meditation with God.
12. **Custom Discipline:** Choose your own spiritual discipline to observe alone or with others for a set time.

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