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## **A. MAKING A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW JESUS**

### ***A.4 How will I know that my sins are forgiven?***

#### ***I John 1:9***

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**A STORY** “I can’t believe that I committed that sin again.” Deshona was feeling so bad about her action and words. She had even committed herself to not sin again like that. Joan who was meeting with her said to her, “The reality is whether you are a new believer making your commitment to follow Jesus or you have been walking with God for quite some time, there is always the need to be assured that when you confess your sin that God will forgive you and will lead you into righteous decisions.

#### **DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

Let’s look at a verse of scripture that gives us God’s thoughts on forgiveness. We will look at I John 1:9,

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

#### **DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY**

1. What does it mean to confess your sin?
2. What is your definition of sin?
3. What has been your biggest challenge in dealing with sin?
4. What feelings do you experience when you know you have sinned against God?
5. What did you discover about God in this verse?
6. Why is it so important to see God as faithful?
7. Why is it so important to see God as just?
8. How can God forgive our sins?
9. What does it feel like to be cleansed from all unrighteousness?

#### **APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

10. When you know that this will happen when you confess and agree with God about your sin, what do you experience?
11. What sin are you holding on to that you need to confess and believe that God has forgiven you?
12. When will you do this time of confession?