

# SESSION TWO | COMING TO TERMS

## INTRODUCTION

We all know we're not perfect, but the label "sinner" is not one we are very comfortable applying to ourselves. In fact, the word "sin" has been almost completely abandoned in our modern culture. We have replaced it with words that are a bit softer, like "mistakes". But "mistake" doesn't quite cover enough ground to describe all that is wrong in the world around us or even inside of us.

While the label may be hard to accept at first, knowing that we are sinners is an important step in understanding the true depth of God's love, which is relentlessly directed toward sinners.

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## VIDEO SUMMARY

- **We aren't just mistakers. We are sinners.**
- **Sin breaks relationships and forgiveness restores them.**
- **Jesus never minimized the seriousness of sin, but he did not condemn sinners.**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think our culture is uncomfortable with the word "sin"?
2. Do you see evidence of sin in the world around us? If so, where?
3. What kind of reaction does the word "sin" stir in you? What do you associate with it?
4. During the message, Andy said, "Jesus' agenda in pointing out our sin was not condemnation but restoration." Is that statement difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
5. During the message Andy said, "sin breaks a relationship." How have you experienced this in your own life?
6. Do you resist the idea that you are a sinner? Is there something offensive about that? If so, why? If not, why not?

## MOVING FORWARD

Those who knew Jesus best tell us that he is the starting point of faith. He came to bridge the gap created by our sin—not our unintentional mistakes, but our sin. Recognizing our sin paves the way to restoration and redemption.

Jesus isn't put off by your sin. He's ready to forgive your sin and restore God's relationship with you