

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

Warming up

1. Have you ever gone to the beach and had sand all over your body?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Joshua 6:17-19 and 1 Samuel 15:1-23. What similarities are there in God's instructions to Joshua and King Saul?
  - a. What are the differences between King Saul's reason and Achan's (Joshua 7:21) for not destroying the things dedicated to the Lord?
  - b. Why did God want everything destroyed (how is something destroyed devoted to God)?
  - c. Are there things in your life that God wants totally destroyed?
3. Read Joshua 7. How many people were affected by Achan's sin?
  - a. What is the potential impact if you had a buried sin in your tent?
  - b. Have you ever experienced the impact of someone else's sin? Have you ever seen your sin impact others?
  - c. What was your response when you saw the impact?

4. According to 1 John 1:5-10 what is expected of you when you sin?
  - a. What does it mean to confess sins?
  - b. Do you confess your sins daily? Why or why not?
  
5. Read Romans 12:1-2. What does it mean to consecrate yourself to God?
  - a. What does it look like in everyday life to offer yourself as a living sacrifice? Have you chosen to live that way?
  - b. Ask your group to pray for you as you endeavour to follow Jesus with every part of your life.

### Application

Below are some of the points shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Sin causes defeat and discouragement
- Sin causes confusion
- Sin causes God to withdraw blessing
- Sin requires confession and repentance
- Search me God, and know my heart. Point out anything in me that offends you