

IT'S THAT GOOD!

Confess It
WEEK TWO

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The gospel is the power of God to save and transform all who know it, trust in it, and share it.

Jesus is the gospel.

Knowing who Jesus is and what He has done is good news for all who trust in Him as Savior and follow Him as King.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

1 Corinthians 15:1-7 (NIV)

The Gospel is that Jesus, the Savior King:

- Lived the perfect life no one can live.
- Died to pay the penalty for all sin.
- Came back to life to give life to all who trust in Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

The gospel is God's power to save me by continually transforming every area of my life.

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

I am an unbeliever. (John 16:7-9)

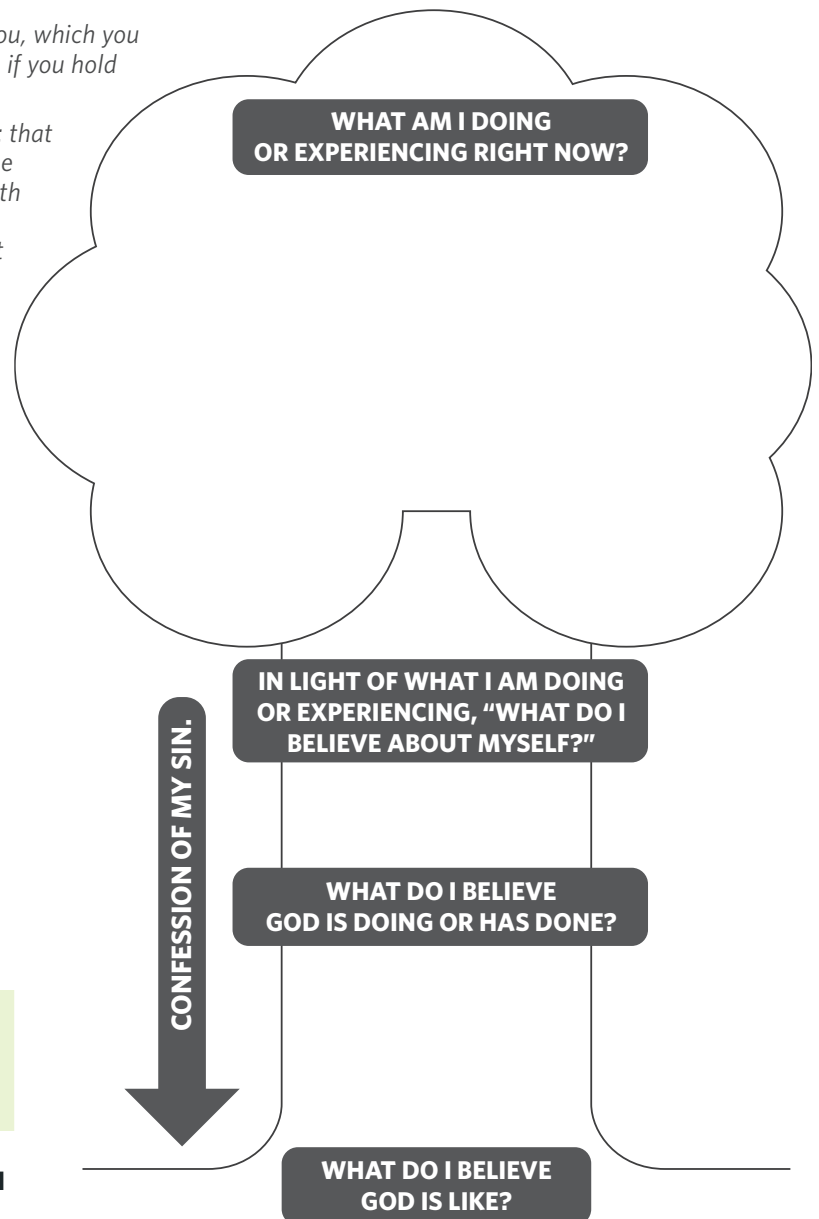
TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God is continually saving me from my unbelief so that I become more like Jesus and experience His life now..

When my thoughts, attitudes, or actions are not like Jesus, I must confess my unbelief.

FOUR KEY QUESTIONS

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Start with my bad fruit and trace it to my bad root.

(Fruit: thoughts, attitudes, actions. Root: Wrong beliefs)

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 1:5-2:2 (NIV)

Confessing my unbelief is my responsibility in God transforming me.



TEACHING SUMMARY:

Confession (n) - a formal admission of one's sins with repentance.

Have you ever thought about confession only being true when accompanied with repentance?

We see in Genesis that when our sin is uncovered or brought to light, we, as humans, have a tendency to run and hide. Confessing is counter intuitive. Confession often comes with repercussions and we want to avoid these as much as possible. But for those of us in Christ, we will grow to understand that the punishment for our sin was already bore by Jesus and that with confession comes forgiveness. Our sin, which is something that we will still struggle with even after we encounter Jesus, is meant to drive us toward the redemptive power of Jesus through repentance and confession. What is it in your life that needs to be confessed?

The following 4 questions will help you understand what you need to confess and let you experience in a deeper way the forgiveness of God.

TALK IT OVER:

What am I doing or experiencing right now?

In light of what I am doing or experiencing, "What do I believe about myself?"

What do I believe God is doing or has done?

What do I believe God is like?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1: John 5:46-47

Day 2: John 1:1-15

Day 3: Colossians 2:2-15

Day 4: Romans 7:1-21

Day 5: James 3:13-17

Day 6: Hebrews 2:1-4