

## Growth Group Questions

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Messy Church 19

Week of June 6, 2010



1. Think and share about what you have learned from someone else's failure. How about how someone else's success has affected you?

2. Read 1 Corinthians 10.1-5. What happened inside these Israelites who enjoyed so many blessings and privileges from God? How can we today enjoy God's goodness and yet not become complacent, lazy, or feel entitled to more and more?

3. Paul tells us these experiences from the Old Testament are to be examples to us today, 1 Corinthians 10.6, 11. How do we understand 1 Corinthians 5.8, 8, 9, 10 (verses we sometimes pass over quickly!) in our lives today? Consider other scriptures which might shed light, i.e., Galatians 6.7-10, Hebrews 12.5-11, etc.

4. The Israelites caved in to temptation. Consider the process of temptation in James 1.13-15.

5. Have you felt alone in your temptations? Have you felt like the only one who struggles with this? How could telling the truth about our lives in Growth Group or one on one help show you God's "way out" (1 Corinthians 10.13)?

## Message Notes

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1. Last week's passage urged us to run in such a way as to get the prize. (1 Corinthians 9:24)
2. Why was God displeased with most of the Israelites (1 Corinthians 10:5)? They failed to obey Him.
3. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us. (1 Corinthians 10:11)
4. 1 Corinthians 10:12 warns us to not be overly confident.
5. 1 Corinthians 10:13 assures us that we don't need to be overly afraid.
6. When we face temptation, we are NOT doomed to fail because we are not alone in that situation. God is faithful, he is present with us, and he provides a way out.
7. And even when we do fall into sin, God is faithful in that He gives us the opportunity to repent and be forgiven!