

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

Corporate Confession

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- 1.) Will mentioned sports teams and political parties as examples of corporate identification and connectedness. What other examples can you think of, and how do your feelings of connectedness to these groups compare with your feelings of connectedness to the Church, the people/family of God?
- 2.) How does corporately confessing the sins "of our fathers" hit you when you first consider it? Are there dangers associated with stopping at merely corporate confession?
- 3.) Will mentioned three broad areas of corporate confession – racism/racial brokenness, materialism/neglect of poor, and our busy silence/neglect of lost. Which one do you find most personally convicting? Which one do you think is most problematic in your local church?
- 4.) True biblical repentance has fruit associated with it. What are a couple of small steps you could take in line with confessing/repenting in the area you mentioned in Question 3?
- 5.) How have "sins of omission" been a part of our lives in areas where we don't often think of ourselves as deeply offending sinners? Where have we failed to share God's heart or be shaped by God's truth?
- 6.) Explain how this corporate connectedness that brings us the guilt of Adam's sin is actually our only hope for eternal life and righteousness (See Romans 5).
- 7.) What was it that drove Daniel to confession/repentance (see Daniel 9:2-4, 9:18)? How should God's mercy in Christ free us to confess our sin deeply and honestly?
- 8.) Herman Veldkamp wrote, "The church is the only body on earth that confesses sin. Where the confession of sin dies out, the church is no longer church." Agree? Why should the church be known for confession?
- 9.) Will said, "Following the true King connects you inextricably and beyond any other connection you have in life to the joys and sorrows, victories and defeats, of many others following the true King with you." What is your favorite part of that biblical reality?



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