

DRASTIC!

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Discussion
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"CUT OFF YOUR HAND!"

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WE NEED TO BE DRASTIC IN DEALING WITH SIN!

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- As we did last week, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
We Need to Be Drastic in Dealing with Sin!
- This Week's Object Lesson:
Cutting Out Infection
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Matthew 5:27-30**
And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. (v. 30, NIV)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Since we're only meeting for two weeks this month, we're going to combine the first two weeks of the *Drastic!* series into one discussion:
- Have you been in a crazy situation that you didn't "sign up" for?
- Have you ever had an infection that a doctor needed to treat?

Week 1: *We Need to Be Drastic in Our Devotion to Jesus!*

• Read Luke 14:25-36

- Why is verse 25 such a big deal?
- Jesus tells His followers that they must be willing to give up their family, themselves, & everything! Why would He say this? Chew on this.
- Have you actually taken the time to consider what Jesus asks of you?
- When it comes to this hard instruction from Jesus, we're likely to make excuses to "de-drastify" what Jesus said: *The Intention Excuse* "I will, but first..." (Lk 9:59-62), *The Proportion Excuse* "I've done it, mostly..." (Mk 10:17-27), and *The Accommodation Excuse* "Did God really say..." (Gen 3:1-5). Which of these do you tend to use?
- What can you do to stop this excuse from preventing obedience?

Week 2: *We Need to Be Drastic in Dealing with Sin!*

• Read Matthew 5:27-30

- Why do you think Jesus tells us to take such drastic action with sin?
- How do you think the average Christ-follower deals with sin?
- As a guide to taking drastic action with sin, Sean shared 4 questions:
 - *Do You Need to Break Up?* (1 Corinthians 15:33-34)
 - *Do You Need to Look Around?* (1 Corinthians 8:9-13)
 - *Do You Need to Stop Comparing?* (Romans 3:9-12)
 - *Do You Need to Run Away?* (Genesis 39:6b-12)
- Discuss what each of these mean (read verses if necessary).
- Which of these is God challenging you to consider as you deal with sin?
- Which week's Point above is the most *challenging* for you? Why?