



## LifeGroup Discussion Guide

# Unseen Sins - Self-Righteousness

Remember this page is designed to *begin* a discussion with your LifeGroup. It is not comprehensive. Allow the following questions to spur on deeper and fuller conversation, study, and discussion.

Go around and give an explanation as to how bad-breath is like an analogy for self-righteousness? Can the individual tell when they have bad breath? Can you fix bad-breath on your own (*without the help of gum or mouthwash*)? Is it easy to confront someone with bad-breath, or just easier to avoid them? How is self-righteousness similar?

**READ: James 4:6-10** - How does James' instruction rely on the Old Testament quote? Why does he instruct some people to "*Grieve, mourn and wail*"? Is it possible to genuinely do these things while exhibiting false humility? How have you seen or experienced false humility?

We said that the most dangerous thing you can say is "*I'm a good person.*" Why is this so dangerous? Why do some people think it is true? **READ: Romans 3:9-20** - What does Paul mean in **verse 19** by saying "*so that every mouth may be silenced?*" Luke records another story after our passage from today... **READ: Luke 18:18-22** - How does Jesus answer the man's question before He answers his question?

Our applications were direct explications from our main passage. **READ: Proverbs 3:7** - What does it mean to be teachable? Why is it so hard for some people to be teachable or open to correction?

When the bible speaks about the "*fear of the Lord*" we have often cited the context of positioning God as your authority as your maker and judge. Here, we also want to include the idea of humility. How does having a "*fear of the Lord*" help you to live with humility?

All the way back in the garden, Adam and Eve blamed others when confronted with their sin - they stood against God in self-defense. **Proverbs 3:7** teach us to "*shun*" or "*turn away*" from evil. **READ: Proverbs 3:8** - What is the good news for how God has designed us to obey these commands? How does Christian prosperity naturally follow from **verse 7**? Conclude by **READING: Philippians 3:7-9** in the NET Bible & praying for one another to pursue humility and confidence in the righteousness of Christ.