

## **Waging War Against Sin**

### **Discussion Questions for Mark 9:42-50**

1. What do you believe are the marks of Christian maturity?
2. To whom did Jesus refer when He spoke of “little ones”? (9:42)
3. What behavior did Jesus condemn? (9:42)
4. What figure of speech did Jesus use to show how serious His point was? (9:42–47)
5. What was Jesus’ attitude toward sin? (9:43–47)
6. What does this passage teach about the kingdom of God? (9:43–47)
7. Why did Jesus use extreme examples in this context? (9:43–48)
8. How did Jesus use figurative language to get His message across? (9:43–48)
9. How did Jesus describe hell? (9:48–49)
10. What did Jesus mean when He said, “Everyone will be salted with fire”? (9:49)
11. When Jesus talked about “salt,” to what exactly was He referring? (9:50)
12. Why is “saltiness” necessary in a Christian’s life? (9:50)
13. With what final instruction did Jesus conclude? (9:50)
14. How do Jesus’ final words relate to the rest of the passage? (9:50)
15. Who are the “little ones” in our society?
16. What do our hands, feet, and eyes represent?
17. How can a person’s hand, foot, or eye cause him or her to sin?
18. How do you think a Christian can cause others to sin?
19. In what ways is causing another person to sin worse than sinning yourself?
20. What should be our attitude toward sin?

21. How do you plan to apply to your life the principles Jesus taught about avoiding sin?
22. What specific steps can a Christian take to avoid sin?
23. What could a church do as a group to apply these principles?
24. What can we do to create peace among believers?
25. What concrete action can you take this week to avoid a sin that you have struggled with in the recent past?