

# DERAILED

## Secret Sins

### Discussion Guide

Feb 25, 2018 | Proverbs 7:1-27

**\*\*Before discussing these questions, read through Proverbs 7:1-27 as a group.**

1. How would you define the word “integrity”? Why is integrity so important?
2. Even a small leak in a fish bowl will mean death for the fish living there, unless something specifically is done about that leak. How does this image help you understand the seriousness of secret sins – things that introduce “cracks” or “leaks” in our integrity?
3. Below we’ve listed what are traditionally known as the “Seven Deadly Sins.” Choose 3-4 of these sins, and discuss ways any of these sins can be given room to grow secretly.

Lust	Wrath (Anger)
Gluttony	Envy
Greed	Pride
Sloth (Laziness)	

4. What are some unhealthy ways of responding to secret sins in our lives? How can secret sin “derail you” if it goes unchecked in your life?
5. Look especially at Proverbs 7:21. How does this verse show us that sin often presents itself attractively? (List the specific words this verse uses that show us how sin often presents itself to us.)
6. How can this deception - that sin is attractive - fool us into justifying or continuing in secret sin? Are there other lies we can believe, that fool us into justifying or continuing in secret sin? Brainstorm any other such lies as a group.
7. Now look at Proverbs 7 and observe everything you can about the seriousness of sin. What specific words / ideas from this chapter help make this serious (and ugly) truth of sin known?
8. Read the following passages. After each, discuss both HOW we should respond to sin in our lives, and WHY we can have hope that sin doesn’t have the final word.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

1 John 1:8-9

Proverbs 28:13

9. Jesus came to die for our sins, and give us new hearts so we can experience true change. (Check it out in 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, for example.) How does this truth give you hope in responding to – and fighting – sin in your own life?
10. Review what you’ve learned from this discussion about integrity, secret sins, and true repentance. What is one practical take-away you can apply to your life this week? How will you apply it?

**Challenge:** Memorize Proverbs 28:13: “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”