

**Look Back:**

- What personal habits did you implement to help you daily remember Jesus' words, promises and sacrifice?

**Look Up:****Read : Matthew 12:22-37**

- Describe the situation that led up to Jesus' comments about "blasphemy"? Who was he talking to and what prompted His words?
- Why do you think the Pharisees rejected the possibility that Jesus was the Son of David? What do you think was their real motivation?
- What does Jesus say is the relationship between our words and our "heart"? What are the implications and how should followers of Jesus apply this truth?
- How does understanding the greater context of this situation help you better understand what Jesus means in verses 31 & 32? How might you explain it to someone who is still struggling to understand?

**Read : 1 John 1:5-10**

- What kinds of lies and deceit does John focus on in these verses? How is this evident in people today?
- What does John say is the solution for sin in the world? What does this mean to you personally?
- What do you think it means to be "purified" from all sin? What role do we play in this process?
- What truths about God and people are included in these verses? Which of these is the hardest for you to understand, accept or apply?

**Overall (Discovery Bible Study)**

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

**Look Ahead:**

This week, reflect on the impact of your thoughts, words and actions with the realization that you will one day give an account of them. Consider situations where you may be deceiving yourself, how you might seek forgiveness and change.

**Group Leader Notes**

It is easy to deceive ourselves into thinking that we are right and rationalize our words and actions to support our position. Encourage group members to build relationships with each other that provide honest and caring input and support.