



## Rebel

**Ice Breaker:** Have you done back to school shopping yet? If you don't have kids, or your kids are grown, do you take advantage of the clothing sales?

1. Walk into the rebellion against your diehard sin knowing who is with you.

**Read:** Acts 4:1-13 and Matthew 9:35-36

**Discuss:**

- How does it feel to say “rebel” against satan and sin?
- What does rebelling against sin look like for you?

2. Bring Christ and His provision to bear on your beliefs and desires.

**Read:** Joshua 1:8

Pastor Evan stressed the need to rub the word of God into our hearts. Like good BBQ marinade, we can ‘t just pour it on, we need to rub it in!!

**Discuss:**

- Isn't it hard for us to remember what Jesus has done for us at times? What distracts you more? Prosperity? Suffering? Stress? Busyness?
- What has Jesus provided for you that influences your beliefs and desires?

3. Enter with joy into your struggle against destructive daily habits.

One of those schemes is this: “Don't deal with your sin.”

**Discuss:**

- What are ways that you avoid dealing with your sin?
- Pastor Evan gave us a lot of pointers on how to deal with our sin instead of NOT dealing with it!
  - *You can face sin instead of hiding it.*  
What are ways that you hide your sin?
  - *You can own your sin instead of blaming others.*  
Who do you typically blame for your sins?
  - *You can accept your sin instead of making excuses.*  
What are the main excuses you make for sinning?
  - *You can identify your sin as sin instead of minimizing it.*  
What are some ways you justify your sin?
  - *You can acknowledge your sin instead of denying it.*  
No one denies their sin...right? 😊
  - *You can trust God with your sin instead of despairing.*  
What are some ways that you punish yourself?

4. Understand your real needs in the fight.

**Read:** Ephesians 4:17-24

**Discuss:**

- Is it hard for you to determine your real need in a fight? It's so hard for me!!! How can you go about digging to the root of each sin action to help your needs get met in a godly way?

***“The goal of our rebellion with sin is not that we would be better rule followers, but that we would be more faithful Christ lovers.”***

**Discuss:**

- What is one practical step that you can take to pursue heart transformation rather than behavior modification?

5. We are called to do the same for others.

**Discuss:**

- How can you help someone in your circle of influence be less about following rules, and more about honoring Jesus?

**Pray together:**

Lord, again, we need you!! You are the source that helps us to accomplish your will in our lives. We want to obey you and Rebel against Satan, not the other way around. Please show us how to lean on your provision. Give us an awareness in every situation of how to lean on you. Help us to recognize our sins and DEAL with them appropriately. Help us to walk with you in the knowledge that you are FOR us. Help us to communicate to the world that living for you is a LIFE GIVING thing, not a burden. Give us the ability to receive your gift of FREEDOM! Help us to walk in love with you and others...for your glory! In the name of Jesus!  
Amen!