



# Small Group Study Guide for January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Our Savior Lutheran Church and School*

**Theme:** This week we continue our Epiphany Sermon Series theme “The Way We Worship” with the next part of our service: Confession and Absolution. When we speak the Confession, we acknowledge our sinful condition, one that affects us all. When the pastor speaks the words of Absolution, we can hear them as if they were from God himself forgiving our sins. This is a vital part of the service that reminds us of God’s love for us, and frees us to go out and be the light of the world!

## **Getting Started:**

1. What’s one thing we do in worship that you’re excited to talk about this series?
2. What’s one thing, spiritual or not, that you “confess” (boldly proclaim belief in by words or actions) in your daily life?
3. What do you think of the quote vicar used on Sunday: “Christian Worship reflects Christian Life”?

## **In the Word: Luke 5:17-26**

1. What do you think this event says about the faith of the man who was lowered through the ceiling?
2. Why do you think Jesus forgave the sins of the man before healing him?
3. What do you think we can learn about worship from this story?

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

1. What does verse 7 say happens when we walk in the light?
2. Why does walking in the light cause us to have fellowship with one another?
3. Why does denying out sin make God out to be a liar? (v. 10)

### **Worship Connection**

1. Why do you think our practice is generally to say the Confession and Absolution at the front of the service?
2. Why do you think we say the Confession as a group?
3. What do you think the differences are between Public Confession and Private Confession?

**Prayer:** Pray that you would always confess the truth about our sinful condition. Thank God for not only taking away our punishment for the sin we do, but also sending people around us to constantly remind us of His forgiveness. Pray that all Christians would be motivated to “get up, take our mats, and go” to the whole world, serving others in joy and telling others of the gifts we’ve received from God.

**Next Week:** We’ve prepared to receive God’s gifts through the Invocation, Confession, and Absolution. Next week Pastor talks about the Word of God and how it is used in worship! Why do we read Scripture in worship? What’s the point of a Sermon every Sunday? Find out next Sunday as we continue our series “The Way We Worship!”