



Small Group Study Guide

The
*Caring
Congregation*
What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say

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"Dealing with Addiction"

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we pray for those individuals in our community that are suffering from the many forms of addiction. Guide them and comfort them with your Holy Spirit. Show them how to get the help they need from counselors, doctors, family and friends. We ask that you surround them with the light of your love and help them break the chains of addiction through the power of your Son. It's in his name we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

Romans 7:15-19 (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

Colossians 2:9-10 (NIV)

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.



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INTRODUCTION

Addiction comes in many forms (drug, alcohol, pornography, gambling etc.). Since we don't live life in a bubble, our addictions can affect our relationship with God and others. So as followers of Jesus, how do we live out the great commandment (to love others as Jesus loved us) with those suffering from addiction in our sphere of influence?

This past Sunday, Pastor Eric interviewed addiction counselor Greg Krausz who gave us insight into that question and more. If you did not hear Greg's message, please go to our website at asburylv.org and watch Greg's conversation with Pastor Eric.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Read Romans 7:15-19 on page 1. In what ways can you relate to what Paul is saying in this letter? Explain.
- 2) Have you or someone you know ever overcome an addiction? How did you or the other person overcome it?
- 3) What are some ways we can learn from our mistakes so we don't keep repeating them?
- 4) What are some ways we can support those struggling with addictions of any kind?
- 5) Read Colossians 2:9-10 on page 1. How can we find greater fullness in our relationship with Christ so that the allurements of other things becomes less attractive?

FINAL APPLICATION

In what small way can you help a family suffering from the consequences of addiction? This week follow through on that thought or simply pray for that family.