

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

## Life in 6 Words – SINS Cannot be Removed by Good Deeds

"Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin."

## Romans 3:20

- 1. Sins cannot be removed by good deeds because we could never be good enough to enter God's presence.
  - Greg said that good deeds must *flow from* an existing relationship with God and not be the force which *forms* it. How can we make sure we are practicing good deeds out of love for God, and not in an attempt to get in right standing with Him?
- 2. Sins cannot be removed by good deeds because the law is a mirror, not a ladder.
  - In what ways have you used the law as a ladder? How has this effected your view of God, yourself, and the people around you?
  - Share about a time you experienced conviction as a result of using the law as a mirror. How did this effect your view of God, yourself, and the people around you?
- 3. Sins cannot be removed by good deeds because even our good deeds come from selfish motives.
  - Can you think of any examples of good things you've done from selfish motives?
  - How does the nature of our good deeds change when we acknowledge our own need for grace and inability to save ourselves?