

# Authentic Discipleship

## #3 -Doublecross, Part 1

---

**Read Chapter 32 – “Doublecross, Part One: You Died in Christ” (pages 35-43) before meeting.**

*“But all that time I was thinking, there’s got to be more. We’re not getting anywhere. We’re just rehearsing the same message Sunday after Sunday. I’m not growing; the people aren’t growing. We’re putting a lot of effort into it, but we’re really not going anywhere spiritually.”<sup>1</sup>*

*“What we discover is that the truth that we’re forgiven doesn’t tell us one thing about how to live the life. It only addresses the question, “What do I do about my sins?” It has nothing to do with living the life. But forgiveness is the only inner revelation we have so far from the Holy Spirit. We don’t have any revelation on how to live the life. So we take this one revelation, that our sins are forgiven, and try to stretch it to somehow cover how to live the life.”<sup>2</sup>*

### Group Questions and Discussion:

1. Why is Christ dying for us only 50% of the gospel? What is the other half?
2. What is the first half of the gospel insufficient for us to live the Christian life?

### Read:

- Romans 6:3-7 and Ephesians 2:1-3

*“This aspect of the cross – that we died with Him – is what I call the Doublecross. There are two sides to the cross. The first is the blood side. That’s where Christ died for us. He shed His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The second side is the body side. We were united with Him on the cross, participating in His death, burial, and resurrection. Our old man was crucified with Him. Our new man, righteous and holy, was resurrected with Him.”<sup>3</sup>*

### Small Groups (max 2-3) Questions:

1. What is the difference between sin and sins? Why is the difference critical to our understanding of the gospel?
2. Why does death end our relationship with sin?
3. What was the old man? What happened to the old man? What significance does that have for you as a believer in Jesus Christ?

### Whole Group:

1. We know what happened to Christ on the cross. Explain what happened to you on the cross. What significance does that have for you living the Christian life?
2. How is it that we died with Christ and yet are still living? How would you explain someone’s death with Christ to them?

---

<sup>1</sup> Dan Stone and David Gregory, *The Rest of the Gospel, When the Partial Gospel Has Worn You Out* (Eugene, Harvest House Publishers, 2000), 35-36.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., 37.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., 42.