



What if I told you that you had 100 days with little to no responsibility or accountability? What do you think your life would look like during that season? How would you choose to spend your time? Who would you want to spend your hours and days with? What would be the result of those 100 days of your life? Every high school student will embark on those 100 days between the day they graduate and their first day of college.

What is the Summer of Sin?

There is a season of time between graduation and the first day of college classes that has been coined “The Summer of Sin.” Having been around students for years and years, we have seen the general pattern that occurs in the lives of students. Many have gone on mission trips and retreats. They have faithfully attended cell group and FSM and have been disciplined by their cell leader. The 100 days between high school graduation and the first day of college, however are often the most dark and sinful days of their lives up until this point. For many, the supports of a spiritual life are removed and the student’s relationship with Christ is left to see if it will stand on its own or crumble to the ground. Parents are mostly likely to give lots of ground and remove many of the restrictions that have been in place for the past 18 years. Students are left to themselves and their friend group to make decisions about how they will entertain the time for the next 100 days. There will never be a time in their life quite like this summer where both responsibility and accountability are at an all time low. Not all students dive headlong into the deep end of sin, but sadly most end up way over their heads with regrets and consequences they will reap for days and years to come.

Look up Scripture ::

- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12 – warning against idleness
- Romans 10:14-15 – sharing the gospel
- 1 Timothy 4:16 – watch life and doctrine
- Proverbs 13:20 – relationships wisdom
- Proverbs 20:13 – working vs. laziness

Avoiding the Summer of Sin ::

- **Have purpose.** The number one reason students fall into sin is because they have nothing to live for, so they seek entertainment and pleasure.
- **Get a job.** You’ll need money in college anyway. It makes you get out of bed each day.
- **Choose your companions carefully.** You become whom you are around. Be wise.
- **Disciple someone.** If you are pursuing God, you’ll find you have no appetite for sin.
- **Be disciplined.** Ask someone today to invest in you during this 100-day season of life.
- **Set up accountability.** A Cell leader. A friend. A parent. Someone who cares enough to look you in the eye, tell you the truth and point you towards God’s word.
- **Avoid the Black Holes.** Black holes are places where things get sucked in & disappear. Time spent on video games, shopping, tv and movies is time wasted and lost forever.

Discuss ::

- What do you honestly think will happen with you and your friends this summer?
- Do you have any big dreams about how to invest your summer well?
- Have you seen any other (older) friends get caught in the Summer of Sin?
- Why do you think the Summer of Sin happens so frequently?
- Have you considered what will happen when cell group and FSM essentially end for you this summer? (it doesn’t have to but it most always does)