

POWER IN WEAKNESS: Forgive the Sinner
October 17, 2021

FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live and share Him.

October Memory Verse (2 Corinthians 1:5) For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

Introduction: 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4

Big Idea: When sin is dealt with God's way both _____ and restoration become _____

A wrong response to sin gives your enemy an _____ over you and your church family (11)

- The name Satan means "_____".
- Satan's advantage is based upon one being ignorant of his _____ or his methods.

A wrong response to sin will bring _____ (5-8)

- For the Christian, private/personal actions affect other _____.
- The unified actions of a group of believers assists "derailed believers" to get back on track with _____.
- The goal of "_____" is forgiveness, restoration, and reconciliation.
- Jesus' Teaching On Dealing With Sin & Offenses (Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 18:15-17) .
 - Step #1-If there is sin, go to him in private (Gal. 6:1,2; Matt. 18:15)
 - Step #2-If there is no reconciliation, take someone else with you (Matt. 18:16)
 - Step #3-If there is no reconciliation, tell it to the church and alter the relationship (Matt. 18:17)

A right response to sin opens the door to _____. (9-10)

- When restoration is achieved, the act of "discipline" is replaced with FORGIVENESS, COMFORT & LOVE.

Life Lessons:

- Human relationships are a BATTLE GROUND for God's greatest enemy – SATAN. **DON'T' BE OUTWITTED!**
- The Body of Christ is a gift to help you stay on track with God. **LOVE THE CHURCH!**
- Paul was convinced that dealing with sin today matters in eternity. **SUBMIT TO GOD'S WORD**

Connect Card: Why is sin so dangerous?



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

WARM UP: Ever been outwitted by some one? Describe how it affected you?

Discuss this statement: One of the most fundamental distinctions between a person who is a Christian and a person who isn't is this – THEIR RESPONSE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH BIBLICAL TRUTH.

- Do you agree or disagree with it? Explain your answer:

v. 5 – In the sermon there were two ways of thinking contrasted. #1-“It’s my life and I can do with it what I please!” and #2-My life is connected to other people!”

- How can you imagine these two different ways of thinking affecting one’s life?
- What do see as a danger in think you can do whatever you want with your life? (Read Proverbs 18:1)

From the sermon, discuss Jesus’ teaching on dealing with sin & offenses

- Read & discuss Galatians 6:1-2
- Read & discuss Matthew 18:15-17

Dismissing sin is dangerous. What are some ways that we might sin?

v 8-10 records for us the beautiful process of forgiveness. How can you imagine yourself responding to someone coming to you following the guidelines outlined in Galatians 6:1-2 & Matthew 18:15-17?

v. 11 Why is it important that we understand the significance of the teaching in this verse?

CLOSING PRAYER: Ask God to help make us more sensitive to sin in our own lives.