

The Truth About Sin

1 Peter 4:1-6

1. Sin Causes Great Suffering (verse 1, Romans 8:13)
2. God's Will changes our attitude toward sin (verses 2-3)
 - a. God's will is attractive
 - b. When compared with God's Will, Sin loses it's deadly allure
3. Sin is Bondage and Slavery (verses 3-4, Exodus 13:3, 2 Corinthians 10:3-6)
 - a. We need to remember the effects of slavery to sin (and not just the passing pleasures of sin)
 - b. Consider the consequences to living outside of Christ Jesus
4. Have Patience with the Lost (verses 5-6, Hebrews 9:27, 1 Corinthians 1:18)
 - a. Unsaved are blind to Spiritual Truth (ask God to open their eyes)
 - b. Unsaved are dead to Spiritual Enjoyment (ask God to invade with the pleasure of His presence and Will)

Questions for Small Group Discussion:

1. What is sin?
2. How do we kill sin?
3. To whom is Peter referring in verse 6 when he says: "the gospel was preached even to those who are dead"?
4. What sin have you been playing with (what do you need to do about that)?