

Take Away – Unlocking the Kingdom: Sin

Text: Romans: 3: 9 – 19

Date: 10-23-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. Do you really believe that “sin is sin”? What do I say to my unbelieving friends who cannot come to grips that the grisly actions of serial killers like Jeffrey Dahmer are equal to their “white lies” in God's eyes?
2. Who is the “we” in verse 9? Does this group of people have an advantage over others?
The Jews, God's “chosen” people. No, ALL have sinned and need the grace of God.
3. What does the question, “Did God really say?”, infer about the person's faith who is asking this question?
Our questioning of God and what God commands tells us that by nature, we do not trust God. Instead, like Adam and Eve, we want to be God, or a god for ourselves. This is the root of sin – unbelief.
4. React to: “Sin is a heart issue. It's not about doing or not doing ‘bad’ things. Sin also involves the things that we do that we don't think are bad.”
Answers vary. Be prepared to share your own testimony and thoughts.
5. How can meditating each morning on Romans 7:24-25 “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” be beneficial to us?
It helps us realize that we fall short and are reliant this day and every day on God's goodness, mercy, love, and strength. It's not about us!
6. If you are sharing the gospel and someone says “I have no sin.” what will you tell them?
In love, you can ask questions that get to the matter of the heart or motivation to demonstrate their sin. The Holy Spirit uses Ray Comfort, a Christian evangelist from Living Waters Ministry, in amazing ways witnessing. Check this video out: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZdv-TtiMkg>
7. If you are sharing the gospel and someone says “I have searched for God, but I cannot find Him.” what will you tell them?
He is always there and we don't need to look for Him, He is waiting for you.
8. If you are sharing the gospel and someone says “I am a good person.” what will you tell them?
See the video interview of Ray Comfort again.

9. How do Paul's words on the moral and spiritual state of humanity affect the role of government and society to create a moral environment in which to live? Is it true that "you can't legislate morality," or is it a matter of whose morality is going to be legislated?