



Week 2- “Misunderstanding Sin”

There are two rooms that Christians often portray to others: “The Room of Good Intentions” or “The Room Of Grace” As people explore and experience Christianity they bump into one of these two rooms. In this week’s message, we redefine something that has caused so much of the problem of why these two rooms exist.

1. What was your understanding of sin growing up? Bad things you do that are judged or a disease you have that Jesus came to heal?
2. Did you ever consider walking away from faith because of an atmosphere of judgement like the one found in the “room of good intentions”?
3. In what ways have you tried hard to not sin in order to please God and others around you?

Read Romans 5:12,19

4. When you bump into the reality that you can’t just stop sinning, do you tend to try and hide that from others and God?
5. How does the comparison between type 1 diabetes and a dependence on insulin to survive help you understand sin as a disease?
6. Jesus died and rose again to take our sin on himself and be the cure that we need. How does this help you see that you don’t have to try hard on your own to overcome sin?

Read Matthew 9:10-13

7. What would happen in our lives if we could all live in the room of grace where we know we all have the same sin disease?

8. How would this help cure you from being defined by the judgement of others or the need to judge others?

9. What do you think it looks like to depend on Jesus to help you overcome the sin disease that you can't cure on your own?

10. This week will you ask yourself: Do I see sin as "sins" (i.e. things I do) or do I see it as a sin disease that as a human I can't fix on my own?

A couple of ways to recognize this:

- How much do I judge other people's sin symptoms that may be different from my sin symptoms?
- How much do I rely on my own effort to fix things?
- How much do I despair when I mess up?
- Have I really discovered Jesus' cure for my sin disease?

When we truly understand the Biblical doctrine of sin we begin to understand the human condition and we truly understand ourselves. When we can see that sin is a symptom of a sin disease we can understand the beautiful cure that Jesus made available for all who put their faith in Him.

