

CORE

WEEK 7 | SIN

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Genesis 3:1-23; Romans 1:18-32; 3:23; 5:12-13,18; 6:23; Ephesians 2:1-3

PRAY

Jesus, we need You. Help us abide in You and not settle for the fleeting pleasures of this world. Teach us to cling to You, the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Shape our hearts and minds so that our greatest desire is to know and follow You. Help us embrace the abundant life that is found only in You.

READ ROMANS 3:20-25

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:20-25)

DISCUSS

1. Why can our good works never justify us before God?
2. How has sin affected every person and every part of creation?
3. According to this passage, how are we made right with God?
4. What does it mean that God's grace is a gift?

APPLY

1. At the root of sin are misplaced desires. What desires or pursuits in your life are competing for your affection and attention more than God?
2. How are you currently abiding in Christ and allowing Him to shape your thoughts, desires, and actions?
3. Is there a belief, habit, or desire that you need to surrender to God?
4. Who is someone you can share this with that can hold you accountable?

FAMILY GUIDE

CORE TRUTH:

Sin separates us from God.

READ ROMANS 1:25

Because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. (Romans 1:25)

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

QUESTIONS

1. How do you identify sin in your own life?
2. How do you see sin hurt those around you?
3. How are you turning from sin and temptation?