

Sin Strikes Again

Another Brief Look Back

Genesis 1-7

4 Chapters At 30,000 Feet

Genesis 8-11

- ✓ Noah **Exits The Ark** ~ Genesis 8
- ✓ God Gives Out An **Assignment** – Noah Gets **Drunk** ~ Genesis 9
- ✓ 3 **Sons** & 70 **Nations** ~ Genesis 10
- ✓ A Tower Called **Babel** – A Man Named **Abraham** ~ Genesis 11

Our Biggest Problem Is Not Our Biggest Problem

- ✓ **The Dreadful Power of Sin**
Four Things No One Wants To Admit
Genesis 8:21 & Romans 3:23/ Romans 7:15-24/ Romans 1:18-32/ John 8:34
 - (1) I'm **born** with it
 - (2) I **choose** it
 - (3) I'm **blinded** by it
 - (4) I'm **enslaved** by it
- ✓ **The Victory over Sin**
Yes, We Really Can Win The Battle
Romans 7:25/ Romans 6:6-7 & Colossians 2:13-15/ John 16:7 & Philippians 2:13/
2 Timothy 3:16-17/ Genesis 4:7
 - Jesus broke its **power**
 - The Holy Spirit gives us **power**
 - Scripture gives us **guidance**

Growth Group Homework

For the week of November 11, 2012

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. This week, we heard about four things we don't want to admit when it comes to sin. Can you think of any examples of how your view of sin and the reality of its presence and affect on you has changed over the years?

2. Sin is a reality we all deal with. How would you want someone to approach you if they thought there was a sin issue you needed to look at?

Can you think of anyone who is a good example of being real about their failings, owning up to their stuff and continuing to move forward?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend we heard about the dreadful power of sin. None of us want to be blinded by it or enslaved to it, yet it happens. How do these verses help us avoid these traps and take an honest look at ourselves while continuing to move toward a positive future?

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
[24] See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. [NIV]

2 Corinthians 5:16, 20

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. [20] We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. [NIV]

Proverbs 28:13

He who conceals his sins does not prosper,
but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. [NIV]

When dealing with your sin do you think you tend to be too hard on yourself or not hard enough?

2. This weekend, we saw through Noah a real life example of a godly man falling into sin. Though we don't understand all the details of what exactly happened when Noah's son's found him in sin, we did see that how we respond is important. What guidance do we receive from Galatians 6:1-5 in how to respond to those who have sinned and keep from having a condescending attitude?

Galatians 6:1-5

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. [2] Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. [3] If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. [4] Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, [5] for each one should carry his own load. [NIV]

3. Realizing we're all sinners is a sobering reality about life and who we are. The good news is God hasn't left us to be victims of our sin – we can have victory over it as his spirit works in our lives. What does Paul point out in Romans 8 as important to understand about what happens to us spiritually when we follow and obey him?

Romans 8:1-2

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, [2] because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. [NIV]

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [NIV]

Romans 8:18

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [NIV]

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. [27] And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. [NIV]

Which of these verses is the most powerful for you to remember?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at this week's teaching and study what's most important for you to remember and why?



Prayer Requests:

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