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CHURCH

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

- How would you describe sin?
- What is your attitude towards it?

Isaiah 59:1-3

- What impact does sin have on our relationships (especially our relationship with God?)
- Sin separates us from God- it has great destructive relational power

Genesis 4:2-7

- Sin is like a wild animal- and the more we let it control us, the more beastly (like a wild animal) we become
- When we sin, we become less human- true humanity is found in holiness, which is separation from sin.

Genesis 6:5-6

- Sin grieves God, it has emotional impact on him because it is destructive to our relationship with him and others.
- What are your thoughts on this?

Romans 6:23

- When we sin we earn death
- It is easy and normal to trivialize the consequences of sin, and therefore to not have a serious attitude about it.
- We must beware of a lazy disposition and mindset toward sin

James 1:13-15

- Look at the progression of sin- what do you notice?
- It always starts small- and grows, like a virus

IT IS VITAL THAT WE SEE OUR PROBLEM

Luke 7:36-50

- This woman saw her sin, the Pharisee did not
- Jesus says that when we really recognize how our sin has hurt God and us, only then can we truly find freedom and forgiveness- self awareness is key
- How can you become more like this woman?

AT A GLANCE

SCRIPTURES:

- Isaiah 59:1-3
- Genesis 4:2-7
- Genesis 6:5-6
- Romans 6:23
- James 1:13-15
- Luke 7:36-50
- Galatians 5:16-23
- 2 Timothy 3:1-5

CHALLENGE:

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- There is a tension between good and evil in all of us (flesh & spirit)
- Spend some time defining terms so there is no misunderstanding on what these words mean
- Explain the concept of core sin, helping them understand that every bad behavior is rooted in something deep in our heart- we must uncover those deeper truths about ourselves if we are ever going to repent and be with God
- When considering what our core sins may be, we are asking the question:
- What sins are most likely to turn us away from God?

Challenge + Prep for the Next Study:

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HELPFUL GRAPHICS:

