



Week 8: Sin

Day 1 Reflection

TRUTH

Read Romans 6:23. What do we deserve for our sin? Enter Jesus. His name literally means, Yahweh Saves. How did He save us? Enter the Cross. The work that Jesus did for us on that Cross at Calgary is so vast, we could meditate on His sacrifice for a lifetime and never fully grasp what God did for humanity that day. However, there are theological words that we hear at church and even use ourselves all the time that describe His work on the Cross. But when pressed, do we fully understand these terms?

For today's reflection, we will examine these words. Look at the Cross illustration on the following page. Look up the verses below and write next to the picture what you learn about each term. (Picture on the last page)

FORGIVENESS - Hebrews 9:22

What is needed for forgiveness?

How does a picture of a Lamb help us understand this term?

JUSTIFICATION - Galatians 2:15-16

How are we justified? This is a legal term. Because of Christ we are declared righteous.

Romans 5:1 What do we have because we are declared righteous?

REDEMPTION - Colossians 1:13-14

Where were we before Christ redeemed us?

Look up the definition for redeemed in a regular dictionary. How does this definition, along with the picture found on the Cross illustration explain how Christ redeemed us?

SANCTIFICATION - Hebrews 10:14

Because Christ offered Himself, what happened to us for all time? In addition, what process is continuing to happen to us? Is this an example of now but not yet? Explain.

PROPIATION - Romans 3:23-25

This term encompasses 2 ideas that are related to one another. The first being that with Christ's sacrificial death, God's wrath was satisfied. How does the altar found

on the Cross-illustration help explain this part? The second idea encompassed in propitiation can be found in Colossians 1:19-20. Why can we be at one with God and have peace with Him? Because Jesus brought re_____ between God and Man.

What work of the Cross of Jesus do you need to focus on today? Stand at the Cross and let His work continue to deliver us from the domain of darkness! Praise God, He loved us that much!

Day 2 Reflection

TRUTH

In the book of Romans, there is a path, that if followed, can lead to salvation. It is given the name, the Roman Road. It has been used for many years as an evangelism tool to lead others to Christ. Sketch a Cross with a road leading to it. Look up each of the verses from Romans and rewrite the verse in your own words, placing them along the road in order. Using your illustration, practice telling someone the stops along the road to the Cross. Ask the Spirit to lead you to a person who needs to hear the road to Jesus.

Romans 3:10
Romans 3:23
Romans 5:8
Romans 5:12
Romans 6:23
Romans 10:9-11
Romans 10:13

EVIDENCE

Nothing additional for this week ladies – we encourage you to really soak in the scriptures above and use your time to work on the TRUTH section today.

Day 3 Reflection

TRUTH

Jesus meets us right where we are. He is truthful about our human condition. We are sinners, sheep who are lost and need a Shepherd to rescue us. Read John 4:7-26. This passage describes an amazing encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. Journal any interesting things you see in this encounter. What truths about Jesus can we glean from this passage? Also, look for anything that Jesus did or said that provides an example of how to share your own faith in Christ. What was His attitude toward her? What questions did He ask? Was He leading her with His questioning? Did He shy away from difficult truths? What did He tell her so that she might be saved? Then pray that God might enable you to encounter someone today who needs Him and that you would be able, by His Spirit, to love them enough to tell them the truth.

TACTICS

What tactic should we look at today? What tactic stands against a topic like sin? How about.... Forgiveness?

In an article titled "FORGIVENESS: THE MOST POWERFUL APOLOGETIC", Sean McDowell explores the power that an act of forgiveness can have in spreading the gospel message. Let this quote from the article whet your appetite.

We apologists love to offer evidence for the existence of God, the reliability of the Bible, and the resurrection of Jesus. These are powerful truths that have convinced many to personally trust Christ. Yet amidst our desire to defend the truth of Christianity, let us not forget the power of forgiveness, which, in my view, is perhaps our greatest apologetic today.

<https://seanmcdowell.org/blog/forgiveness-the-most-powerful-apologetic>

Day 4 Reflection

TRUTH

One of the key salvation words that we studied on Day 1 of this week, is the word forgiveness. Jesus forgave our sins - every last one of them - on the Cross. What kind of a debt was cancelled for you? Give Him your eternal thanks for paying this debt with His blood.

Being forgiven of that much debt, gives us a new identity with a new pattern of behavior. We are now a forgiven people who forgives people. The Lord makes that clear to the disciples in Matthew 18:21-35. Read this passage. How many times does Jesus tell Peter that he must forgive? Is this a literal number? Or a representation of an amount? What amount?

Jesus answers Peter's question with a parable. For today, journal in your own words how you would answer Peter and explain to him the need for Christ followers to forgive. When formulating your answer, think about how mercy is costly, how forgiveness is received and extended, and how this kind of forgiveness proves your relationship with Jesus.

Who is in your life right now that you have not forgiven? Ask for the Spirit of God to renew a right spirit in you and enable you to do the impossible - forgive them and release them. Oh, it will cost you - just ask Jesus. He above everyone else knows just how much. Truly, dear one, can you love Him anymore than you do right now?

CHURCH HISTORY & ALTERNATE WORLD VIEWS

Today Pastor Nate blesses us with a lesson on the topic of “Spiritualism, Relativism and Progressive Christianity”

You will find this teaching here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZF8rbRp5Tc&t=17s>

What stood out for you? How do you see these worldviews manifesting themselves in the world we live in today?

Day 5 Reflection

TRUTH

Review your notes from Day 3 of this week. For today’s reflection, we will read more about the Samaritan woman who met Jesus at the well.

Read John 4:27-42. Why did the woman leave her water jar and run back to town? Just a few minutes before, she had been an outcast who had avoided the people by coming alone to the well at noon. What had happened? Why was she willing to confront them now? What did she tell the townspeople? What happened when she told her story? Why is this so amazing?

We can learn from this beautiful woman. She overcame her fear to tell her story and spread the news of a Savior she had just met. And as a result, others came to know Him too.

What is your story with Jesus? What has He done for you? How has your life changed since meeting Him? Why is He your Savior? Others need to hear these things about you.

For today, write out your story and memorize it so that you can keep it in your “back pocket” to use whenever God makes a way for you to share it. The Samaritan woman’s story wasn’t long, so your goal should be to tell your story in five minutes or under. Then sit back and give God glory for finding you at your well, and for giving you the story of a lifetime! Give Him praise, dear one.

DIGGING DEEPER

I was leading my boys through our bible lesson one morning and we were looking at the topic of how sin entered the world and the result of that sin – we were reading Genesis 3. We got to the end of the reading, and I asked the boys to summarize things for me. They did and remembered the scripture. I then asked, “Who came to save us from our sin?” – JESUS! Yes! What did He do for us? Died on the cross. Yes! They were getting it... and then my youngest said but what does that really mean Mom? Like Jesus dying with my sin. What did that really do? In the moment I was like “what? Have I not been getting the message through?”. But I remembered – they are asking questions and for this I am thankful. We had a good discussion following this and I have a feeling we will have more discussions going forward. And wouldn’t you know, I was prepping this material and the following article is one I found and wow it just explained things so beautifully. I thought you would enjoy it:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/sin-is-not-who-you-are>

Now go back to your story that you wrote – the one you are going to keep in your “back pocket” and read it again. Let’s praise God again that sin is not who you are! Amen!

Cross Illustration

