

Let's Discuss...Sin

PART 2_Are We Born Into Sin?



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Scriptures mentioned:

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Romans 5:12-15 ESV

For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23 NASB

The Creation Story with Adam & Eve
Genesis 2-3

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 9:10 ESV

Hey Group Leaders!

Consider this flow for the study time together with your small group:

1. See if anyone wants to share on what came up for them as they reflected on this over the last week:

Katie talks about the fruits of obeying the disciplines and guidelines that God lays out for us in Scripture. This week, be intentional to notice and contrast the fruit of both godly living and sin. This may be in your own life, or something you observe around you in movies, television, friends, etc... What motivating factors do you see for these different types of behaviour?

Bonus thought! Does it make a difference if someone is a Christian as to how they experience the fruit of either godly living or sin?

2. Watch this week's video, **Let's Discuss...Sin PART 2_Are We Born Into Sin?**
3. Choose a couple of the "Let's Discuss..." questions below to discuss in your group.
4. Go over this week's reflection prompt with your group.
5. Choose someone in your group (try to pick someone different each week) to close in prayer, using the prompt below as a guide. Additionally, see if there are any other prayer requests amongst the group and allow your group members the opportunity to pray for each other.

Summary

To be honest, in this video we have a lot more questions than answers. Jonny asks, 'How do we determine whether or not something is sin if it isn't specifically mentioned in the Bible? How can we address the idea that we are "born into" sin? At what age do we become accountable for this?' We also talk about how although we might not have cut and dry answers for all our questions, our journey as humans offers us a lifetime of opportunity to understand God's great love and His pursuit of us more deeply.

Definitions

sovereignty: a distinguishing characteristic of God describing His power and authority over all things

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*Oh, the depth of the riches
and wisdom and knowledge
of God! How unsearchable are
His judgments and decisions
and how unfathomable and
untraceable are His ways!*
Romans 11:33 AMP

*Have you ever come on
anything quite like this
extravagant generosity of
God, this deep, deep wisdom?
It's way over our heads. We'll
never figure it out.*

*Is there anyone around who
can explain God?
Anyone smart enough to tell
Him what to do?
Anyone who has done Him
such a huge favor
that God has to ask His
advice?*

*Everything comes from Him;
Everything happens through
Him;
Everything ends up in Him.
Always glory! Always praise!
Yes. Yes. Yes.*
Romans 11:33-36 MSG

Let's Discuss...

- Can sin be subjective, different for different people?
- Do you have a “fear of God” and what does that mean to you?
- When you look back over your life, can you identify moments where you have perceived or experienced God’s pursuit of you?
- Jerry talks about how overindulging in passion can make us lose sight of the bigger picture. Can you think of an example of how a passion - even a good one, or a God-given one - can lead to sin?
- In addition to everything we’ve discussed, were there any other thoughts or questions in the video that resonated with you? Why?

Let's Reflect This Week...

Take time this week to reflect on what qualities make you want to pursue someone or something. Now, consider this—God pursues you, even when you sin. What does that say about how He thinks about you? How does this make you feel? How does this change the way you see yourself?

Let's Pray...

“The gospel says you are more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, but more accepted and loved than you ever dared hope.”
Tim Keller

- Let’s ask God to give us a revelation of how He sees us, even when we mess up. Pray that this understanding of who we are in eyes will impact us mentally, physically, spiritually, and beyond.

Let's Go Deeper...

- **The Awe of God: The Astounding Way a Healthy Fear of God Transforms Your Life** by John Bevere [book]
- **God’s Pursuit of Us** by Kia Stephens/Proverbs 31 Ministries [article]
- **Who were the Sadducees and the Pharisees?** by Got Questions Ministries [video]