

Seeker Study 5 | Sin

Purpose: *While we all want seekers to be saved by grace, there is no grace if we don't perceive any sin. Of course, all have sinned (Romans 3:23); therefore, we all desperately need the grace of God (Romans 6:23). The aim of this study is to help seekers see themselves as our Holy God sees them: sinful and separated from God. This realization brings about desire for both forgiveness and repentance. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict seekers in this study (John 16:8).*

Scriptures:

Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23 *See comments above.*

Luke 7:36-50 *Jesus is a bridge between your sin and your potential for love. The more you recognize your sinful indebtedness to Jesus, the more you will be grateful for his grace. The end result: you love much (i.e. Discipleship). Conversely, the less you recognize your sinful indebtedness, the smaller your gratitude and the less you love.*

Q: *Is your attitude toward your sin more like Simon's or more like the sinful woman?*

Suggest some practicals to get in touch with your sinful indebtedness: Study specific sins as detailed by the Bible. Consider the most recent time you committed that sin; consider the first time; consider your attitude towards God each time you indulged in that sin. Journals/discussions/timelines will help.

Mark 7:21-22 *Take ownership and responsibility for sin! Despite genetics, parenting, peer pressure, and socioeconomic conditions, sin comes from within our own hearts and makes us unclean.*

Q: *What is the consequence of being unclean before God? Discuss the sins catalogued by Jesus.*

Galatians 5:19-21 *Sinful deeds are obvious.*

Q: *What does "will not inherit the Kingdom of God" mean?*

Be as specific as necessary to both explain and share about the sins listed.

Ephesians 5:3-13 *Not even a hint or a mention of sin should be the standard for followers of Jesus.*

Q: *Has anyone ever shared "empty words" with you in order to minimize God's wrath to sin/sinners? Exposing sin to the light is a great step toward proclaiming a real need for grace.*

James 4:17 *Sins of commission (sins you commit) vs. sins of omission (virtues you omit).*

Isaiah 59:1-3 *Your sin has made a separation between you and God. This study is not just about a list of sins, but instead about the depth of your separation from your Father.*

Additional Scriptures: *Revelation 21:8, Revelation 21:24-27, Romans 1:21-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Colossians 3:5-11, Timothy 3:1-5, Mathew 5:48*