



Sermon Discussion Guide

Sin and Brokenness-Tim Knipp

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Leader Preparation

1. Take some time to look over these questions ahead of time. Choose the ones that you want to make sure you cover with your group. We have highlighted what we think are **key ideas/questions by bolding them.**
2. Pray for your group and your time together as you prepare. This is so helpful!
3. When meeting online you as the leader will need to be more directive than in person. Don't be afraid to invite everyone to answer a question, invite them to share by name, and thank them when they finish. The online format requires a little more intentional orchestrating than an in-person group.
4. Try to start the gathering by getting everyone talking at least once to begin. The Hook section is great for this. When in doubt, have people share stories about their past. (How the week was, favorite memories about the topic for the day, etc). This is a great way to help your group continue to get to know one another.
5. Next, look at the Scripture and what it means. We believe Jesus is discipling people through this Word. Get people into the Scriptures and the Scriptures into people!
6. Finally, end with what God is saying to people and how God is inviting them to respond. These aren't just ideas to know but realities to live in!



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Hook - Getting to know one another

- Have you ever had a problem that you were trying to solve but couldn't diagnose it? Did you ever find the correct diagnosis? What was that experience like?

Book - Scripture

- Read the scripture passages and discuss to understand **what the text is saying:**
- Read Genesis 3:1-19 and Genesis 2: 15-25
- In Genesis 2:16 - 17 what is God's intention behind his instructions regarding the fruit in the garden? How are his intentions interpreted or misinterpreted by Eve in Genesis 3:3?
 - How are they misinterpreted by the Serpent?
- "The root problem of sin is the distrust in the goodness of God, his care of us, and the goodness of his warnings."
 - How does this Scripture illustrate this?
 - Does this Scripture add anything else to what Sin looks like?
 - What other Scriptures can you think of that add to our understanding of Sin?
- In Gen 2:25 it says "now the man and the woman were both naked and felt no shame." Tim said this another way which was "they were both completely known and completely loved." Share about a time that you have felt this way before?
- Tim talked about some of the symptoms of Sin seen in this passage as Shame, Hiding, and Blame. Do you see any other symptoms of Sin in this passage?

Look - Connections to our world today



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- This section focuses on implications about **what this text means** about what's wrong in the world, about trusting God, about who God is, etc.
- What does lack of trust in God's goodness lead to grasping after what we think will fulfill us and make us happy?
- How would you explain the spiritual disease of Sin to someone who had never heard of it before?
- How do you think the spiritual disease of Sin leads to some of the symptoms we see in our world today (what is the connection)? (pornography consumption, objectification of others bodies, self loathing of our own bodies, breakdown of loving relationships, etc)
- How does our culture respond to the statement "You are insufficient in and of yourself to solve the problem of sin. You need to be rescued and healed by another."?

Took - Personal Application

- This application focuses on **how God is calling us to respond**. This could be personally, as a family, small group, or church. It could be something to believe, to meditate on, to say or do this week.
- Can you think of a time in your past where trusting in the good provision of God led you away from temptation?
- Where do you need to be reminded of God's desire for you to thrive this week?
- What did this Scripture and discussion around Sin bring up for you personally? What do you need to continue to bring to God in prayer this week?
 - How can others in the group be praying for you?

Time of Prayer