

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND QUESTIONS FOR ADULT SESSION ON SIN

1. Psalms 51:1-19
 - What does this scripture teach about what sin does to us?
 - What does the psalmist see as a result of being forgiven his sins?
 - What response to forgiveness pleases God according to the psalmist?

2. Galatians 5:16-26
 - What does this scripture teach about what sin does to us?
 - Paul names the deeds of the flesh as actions to avoid and suggests we replace these deeds with the fruits of the Spirit which represent desirable qualities...qualities that should characterize relationships that believers in Jesus Christ should have with one another.
 - How does one make these qualities a pattern in their life?
 - Give examples of actions that would help us to integrate them into who we are.

3. 1 John 3:4-17
 - What does this scripture teach about what sin does to us?
 - Jesus modeled for us what loving our brother meant when he died for us on the cross. What are examples of ways we fail to show compassion and love for others?
 - How does this sin of neglect affect us and others?
 - What does verse 18 mean to you? Is this difficult to live out?

4. Luke 11:1-4, Matthew 6:9-15, Mark 11:25-26
 - What do these three scripture passages on prayer teach about sin and forgiveness?
 - Verse 4 from Luke states, "for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us." What does this word 'indebted' mean to you?
 - Why do we sometimes fail to forgive those 'indebted' to us? How does this failure to forgive affect who we are and how we respond to others?

5. John 8:1-11
 - What does this scripture teach about sin?
 - “Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her.” Why is it so easy to see sin in another and ignore the sense of sin within ourselves?
 - “From now on, avoid this sin,” Jesus says to the woman. What could possibly turn the woman away from adultery?
 - When looking at a sinful nature that we have towards something worldly, how do we begin to truly accept God’s mercy and through it sin no more?
 - In forgiving her sins, Jesus restores to her a sense of self-worth. Why is this important?

6. Luke 5:1-11
 - What does this scripture teach about what sin does to us?
 - “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man.” Why would Peter say this? What does being 'sinful' mean?
 - Why does Jesus always seem to surround himself with sinful people?

7. Romans 7:5-11
 - What does this scripture teach about what sin does to us?
 - “But now we are released from the law, dead to what held us captive, so that we may serve in the newness of the spirit and not under the obsolete letter.” What does this mean?
 - What is wrong with merely following a set of commandments to avoid sin?
 - What do we fail to do when seeing actions as our only sin?
 - What does “serve in the newness of the spirit” mean