

February 2008 Monthly G.R.A.C.E. session
Catechetical Area: Catholic Moral Life
Specific Catechetical Theme: “What is Sin
Event Focusing On: Three Upcoming Scrutiny Sundays

Summary of Theme: To understand sin today four movements need to be looked at:

- 1) from a legalistic to a relationship-centered understanding: sin as breaking/harming relationships
- 2) from an single act-centered to a whole person-centered understanding: sin as hardened heart
- 3) from an individualistic-private to a social-public understanding: sin as power at work in world
- 4) from a child-centered to an adult centered understanding: sin as a refusal to grow

6:40 All adults go into church for opening video on sin. **(10 minutes/video is 7)**
Open with Explanation of video, explaining that while the sacrament of Reconciliation is discussed , try to especially on meaning of sin today and some key words or points that you would like explained.

6:50 Adults are split into 2 groups: one remains in the church and one goes to area in back.
Each group has 30 minutes.

6:50-7:20 **Group 1 in church/JoAnne’s group:** Scripture and definition of sin
—Discuss a definition of sin with persons you are next to...put on chart paper and hang on wooden board.
—Small groups then have one scripture passage on sin to look up and answer these questions...
What does this scripture passage teach us about sin?
A question particularly pertaining to the individual passage (see attached sheet)
—Discussion of insight from passages.
—Revisit beginning definition and see if they want to add or change anything.

6:50-7:20 **Group 2, back area of church/Fr, Dave’s group: Theology of sin...original, mortal, venial, an adult understanding of sin (legal/relational, individual/communal, action versus character)**
—What questions about sin do you have...what questions come to mind when you think of sin?
—These get written on paper on wooden boards.
—Out of these questions, give overview of understanding of sin today.
—Have group come up with descriptive words that expressed what sin is to them.
—Put these words on the board.

7:20-7:25 **Break for 5 minutes**
Switch...repeating session... take wooden board with them.

7:25-7:55
Group 1...
—Look at descriptive words (or questions from previous session) on board and group shares how these questions were addressed in previous session or why these words were chosen (good review of what Fr. Dave did). Coming from that session, how would they define sin.
—Scripture passages on sin
—Discussion of insight from passages
—Sharing descriptive words about sin that are new to them.

Group 2...
—Look at words defining sin on board from previous session connecting to scriptures if possible.
—Surface questions they have concerning sin.
—Give input into understanding of sin today.
—Do they see sin any differently now?

7:55 **Announcements in each individual group**

8:00 **Explanation of activity and prayer. Give them their question sheet and a few quiet minutes to fill it out and tear it in half.**

8:05 **Everyone gathers in church**

8:10 **Prayer begins**