



free Week 2

It's Worse Than You Thought

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

- Have you ever tried to break a bad habit? What did you do? Were you successful?

With your Bible or YouVersion read Romans 7:15-16; 5:6-19 - It's difficult to solve a problem when you don't understand what's wrong to begin with. Many of us have been trying to solve the problem of "us" for a long time. Some of you have lost friends, family, or jobs because you couldn't solve you. Some of you have paid good money to solve you. But what if the real problem is that you don't know what the problem is?

- When you have a problem to solve – large or small – do you tend to go it alone or look to others for help? Why is that?
- Jesus showed the disciples his hands and side as evidence that it was really Him. What proof have needed or would you need to believe in Jesus?
- How have you experienced this disconnect between the way you behave and the way you want to behave? What have you done to try to address the disconnect?
- Is it difficult for you to believe that sin "dwells in you"?

Does the idea that you're "ungodly" bother you? Why or why not?

- What was the result of Adam's sin and of Christ's sacrifice? What impact has each had on your life? Which of these would you say has dominion in your life? What would someone who is close to you say?
- What will you do this week to think through this message about sin – pray, read the Bible, have some conversations with others? What can others do to support you? What can you do to support others?

Think it Over

If the single action of a single man could create the generational chaos of sin, think of what the single action of Jesus could do. If Adam could mess it up, imagine how Jesus could fix it up. Imagine how he could fix you up.

Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Take your struggle to "do what you know you ought to do" to God. Listen for his direction for how he wants to work in you by the Holy Spirit and through others to bring freedom.
- Paul identifies us as powerless, ungodly and sinners. Come humbly before God and ask him to reveal these aspects of you. Make sure you don't stay there - then give thanks to God that Jesus died to release you from this bondage.
- Make a list of the ways that "the gift" which came through Jesus has made a difference in your life. If you haven't accepted this gift ask for it now.