

The Gospel Project for Adults, Fall 2018
Interactive Teaching Tips for Adults, Unit 1, Session 3

Introduction: *Observe the good that follows the bad.*

Ask, “Have you ever heard of a Baker’s globe mallow?”

Show photos and summarize the Baker’s globe mallow flower from the information at this website:

<https://www.redding.com/story/life/home-garden/2017/06/02/these-flowers-only-bloom-after-forest-fires/364114001/>

Say something like the following: “Today’s Scripture passages might remind you of this disaster-induced flower. We’re going to look at sin entering the world, but at the same time, we’ll realize that the fallout from sin was not hopelessly catastrophic because of God’s promise to redeem what is fallen. In fact, hope and salvation spring from sin that has been forgiven and redeemed.”

Point 1: *Gain some background on Satan.*

After reading and discussing Genesis 3:1-7, group members might have questions about who Satan is, where he came from, and why God allows sin.

Prepare yourself by reading or watching the following John Piper sermon “The Fall of Satan and the Victory of Christ”:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/the-fall-of-satan-and-the-victory-of-christ>

Challenge group members to seek these answers in Scripture, but to understand that we will not fully know the answers since God has not revealed all the information we might *want* to know but instead given us all that we *need* to know.

Point 2: *Reflect more deeply on the nature of sin.*

After discussing the Scripture passage and interacting with the content in Point 2, ask the following questions:

- What does sin look like in our world today?
- How is it different from the sin of Adam and Eve? How is it similar?

Show the following video, “I Am Sin” (3 minutes, 1 second), to engage group members in thinking more seriously about sin:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hUxECgPxyEw>

Conclusion: *Inform members on how to pray for those ensnared by sin.*

After reading and discussing the “My Mission” conclusion on page 38 in the Leader Guide, say something like the following: “When we see sin clearly, we need to address the sin in our own lives based on the teaching of God’s Word and through His love and forgiveness.”

Help group members understand how they can pray for others who seem trapped in sin by reading the ideas in the following blog post “How to Pray When Someone You Love Is Stuck in Sin”:

http://www.liesyoungwomenbelieve.com/how-to-pray-when-someone-you-love-is-stuck-in-sin/?doing_wp_cron=1532537549.8600859642028808593750

Teaching Tip of the Week

Be sure to address sin as something *every person* deals with. Do not let the group consider sin as something unbelievers struggle with. It is an ongoing, everyday issue for everyone, including Christians.