

Essential Truths of the Christian Faith
Chapters 50-53

- i. How were you encouraged by these six chapters? How were you challenged?
- ii. How would you briefly explain sin to someone who is not a Christian (in light of these chapters)?
- iii. From chapter 50, what is the difference between the sin of omission and the sin of commission?
- iv. As Sproul states in chapter 51, it is common to hear others say that “people are basically good.” How did his explanation of original sin in chapter 51 help your understanding of original sin? How would you answer someone who made the claim that “people are basically good”?
- v. From chapter 52 – read Romans 3:10-12. How does this passage inform our understanding of total depravity as it is explained by Sproul (we are all depraved or corrupt in the totality of our being)?
- vi. From chapter 53. On page 157, Sproul says: “People have a moral responsibility to follow their conscience. It is sinful to act against one’s conscience.” Things that God has laid on our conscience are between us and God. In Romans 14, Paul expands on this truth.
 - a) Are there things that God has laid on your conscience that are not evil but he has made clear you should (or should not) do?