

1. Have you seen the Small Group Newsletter email sent on Feb 16? Watch the video at www.vimeo.com/hbcsmallgroups and tell your group to mark Friday, March 30th on their calendars.
 - a. If you cannot make March 30th work, you're welcome to do it on your regular small group night. But we are encouraging all who can to do it on March 30th.
2. Have you RSVP'd for the March 10 leader training? Email bcho@harvestsacramento.net if you haven't.

LEARN

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

Open up to Genesis 3 together. Scanning verses 1 – 19, what “implications” regarding sin are evident in the story?

(Scott listed 4: Between man and God with running from God, v.8 // man and self with fear and shame, v. 10 // man and man with blaming and excuses, v. 12-13 // God and creation with the earth cursed because of sin, v. 17)

Read Romans 5:12-17. How does this passage inform you of a) all people's relationship to Adam's sin and b) the free gift of salvation that comes through the “second Adam”, Jesus?

(Adam was our representative and his sin was imputed to all mankind. Jesus represented all of us when lived a sinless life and died in our place, so all who believe in his name receive his righteousness by God's grace)

Sin is complicated to define in a single sentence, but it is important to be aware of how the Bible describes it. Discuss some of the central passages, from Sunday or others you know, that describe the nature of sin.

(Ultimately, sin is spurning/rejecting God – his existence, law, and/or authority over us. James 4:17, Romans 1:28-32, Romans 3:10-18, Hebrews 11:6, 1 Corinthians 2:14, Psalm 51:1-5)

PRACTICE

How does a biblical (i.e. from God's perspective) view of sin help you understand people better?

(Sin wreaks havoc in every way, harming/fracturing all relationships. Acknowledging sin's pervasiveness, and our inability to please God on our own helps us understand the deepest answers to “Why do they do that?”)

Scott listed several sinful responses to sin. List the ones he gave from your notes. 2 questions: How else do you see people sinfully respond to sin? How do you sinfully respond to sin?

Read 1 John 2:15-16. As a group, name some ways Christians are prone to “love the world”. How do you need to ask God to free you from the “love of the world” in your own heart?

(Remember “loving the world” is committing one's self to the unbelieving world over God and not related to the positive concept of “love your neighbor”)

CHANGE

(Leaders: While it's unusual to ask that you read more Scripture in accountability time, it will be important to do so this week. Take charge of the moment and launch right in.)

Read Galatians 5:13-26. Immediately go to prayer as a group (ask that a few people pray) asking the Holy Spirit to reveal ways you have been led by desires of the flesh recently. After praying, discuss:

- There can be many works of the flesh that need to be crucified in our lives. What is something specific you need to “crucify” (v.24)? What attitudes, actions, thoughts, motives or disbelief does God want eradicate from your life by his power so that you walk by the Spirit?