

Message Notes

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Part 1: Diagnostic Check

Romans 7:15-25

→ it's important to address more than just the symptoms

#1 The symptoms are many, but **sin** is the cause.

→ sin (verb) vs sin (noun)

→ the internal struggle we face - **vs. 15-20**

#2 Jesus changes **sinners** into **saints**.

→ rescue required - **vs. 21-25**

#3 The **problem** is greater than people think, but so is the **healing**.

→ make it personal

Group Questions

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1. Have you ever read a self-help book in order to change a behavior or break a bad habit? What happened? Why?
2. Without getting into specific issues or a discussion of politics, why do you think people are so frustrated and angry right now?
3. **Read Romans 5:12-14.** Paul writes that sin isn't just a verb (something you do), but it can also be a noun (original sin). What are some ways that original sin affects you and the world that we live in?
4. **Read Romans 7:15-19.** In what ways do you see these words play out in other people's behaviors?

In what ways do you see it in your own behavior?
5. What are some things that people do in order to justify or compensate for not living up to God's standards, or...the standards they set for themselves?
6. **Read Romans 7:21-24.** It almost sounds like Paul is overwhelmed and distraught by the feeling of not being able to do the right thing. Is that good or bad?
7. **Read Romans 7:25.** Does this verse mean that the battle against sin doesn't matter? Explain.
8. How do these words from Paul affect your view of the problems in our country and the way you can best make a difference?