

Sin - 5/5 Discussion Questions

2 Kings 17

Review

The Nature of Sin:

1. Rooted in Unbelief (v. 14)
2. Rising from Desires in our Hearts (v. 9-11)
3. Resulting in a Growing Power in our Lives (v. 15)

“But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.” James 1:14-15

The Consequences of Sin:

1. Judgment (v. 17-18)
2. Suffering (v. 20)
3. Death (v. 20,23)

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

Connect

1. What was your most serious injury? Share the story of how you got hurt.
2. Are you cautious or impulsive by nature? Why do you think that is?

Read 2 Kings 17:1-18

Discuss

3. Why did Israel (the northern kingdom) get defeated and deported by Assyria?
4. How did so much sin and idolatry develop in Israel?
5. What does this teach us about God and ourselves?

Apply

- Read James 1:13-15. What does this teach us about God and ourselves?
- Read Romans 8:5-13. How should we relate to our sinful flesh? Do you tend to actively fight against your sin or take a more passive stance? How can you take a more active approach?

“The first thing in mortification is the *weakening* of this habit... This is called ‘crucifying the flesh and the lusts thereof (Gal 5:24); that is, taking away its blood and spirits that give it strength and power... As a man nailed to the a cross he first struggles and strives and cries out with great strength and might, but, as his blood and spirits waste, his strivings are faint and seldom, his cries low and hoarse, scarce to be heard; when a man first sets on a lust or distemper, to deal with it, it struggles with great violence to break loose; it cries with earnestness and impatience to be satisfied and relieved; but when by mortification the blood and spirits of it are let out, it moves seldom and faintly, cries sparingly and is scarce heard in the heart. Sin is fastened to the cross... that the power of sin [be] weakened and abolished by little and little.” John Owen, *Overcoming Sin and Temptation* p. 35

Pray

- How can we pray for you?