

FREE: A NEW HEART

("The Dark World of Sin" - Corresponding to message on Apr. 17, 2016)

Getting Started:

1. How would you describe our culture today – good, bad or ugly?
2. How do you feel when you see or hear the words "you are guilty"? Why?
3. Why do people not want to admit their guilt? Have you experienced this in your life?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Romans 1:18 – 32.
 - a. What similarities do you see in our world today?
2. Why do people suppress the truth about God? When have you struggled with this?
3. How has God made Himself evident in our world around us?
4. Read Romans 1:23, 25.
 - a. Why is worship so important in our lives?
5. Why is there one short step from idolatry to immorality?
 - a. What are some idols we worship today?

6. What is the lie referring to in Romans 1:25?
 - a. How does God's truth point us in a different direction?

7. Read Romans 1:24, 28.
 - a. What does it mean that, because of people's sin, God "gave them up" or God "gave them over"?

8. How do you see sexual sins of our day destroying our culture?

9. Read Romans 1:18.
 - a. How is God's wrath revealed in this passage (Romans 1:18)?

Taking it home:

1. How would you use this passage to talk with someone who believes all people are basically good and get a "free pass" to heaven?

2. As you read the sins listed in 29 – 32, how do you feel having some of your faults listed right along with the "really awful" sins listed in this passage? What does that say about sin and our guilt (Romans 1:32)? What does it say about our compassion to all regardless of the sin?

3. How have you seen examples of a futile mind and a darkened heart in your own life? Share only if you feel comfortable.

4. When has your freedom to resist God only ended up hurting you?

5. Spend time as a group worshiping the Lord together in prayer and/or song, giving thanks for the hope you have in Jesus, ask for strength to resist the path of sin, and wisdom to help those who are struggling.