

FREE: A NEW HEART

"The Raw Reality of our Depravity" - Message on May 15, 2016

Getting Started:

1. Have you ever played the game, "truth or dare?" What happened when you shared the truth?
2. Have you ever been in a situation where someone shared something about you that you wanted to hide? How did you feel about yourself afterwards?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Romans 3:9.
 - a. What is meant by the phrase, "both Jews and Greeks are all under sin?"

 - b. Why would Paul use the word "sin" and not "sins?"
2. From verses 10 – 18, list what is said regarding human thought, direction, speech and action.
 - a. How do you view yourself differently now and how does this list make you feel?
3. What examples can you think of from our culture that illustrate the description Paul gives us of depravity?

4. How do verses 19 and 1:20 prove Paul's point that the whole world is accountable to God?
5. From Romans 3:20, would you say that the law is descriptive (more like a doctor's thermometer)? Or prescriptive (more like medicine to a sick patient)?

Taking it home:

1. Suppose this letter ended with verse 20, how would you feel about yourself? About God?
2. When did you first really sense your sin and need for God? What motivated you to turn to God?
3. What can you learn about witnessing from Paul's example in chapters 2 – 3? What types of people today may need to be approached like this? How does Romans 2:4 inform your thoughts?
4. Now that we have looked at the raw reality of our depravity, how does this cause you to appreciate the gospel of Jesus Christ and God's amazing Grace?