



TOOLS FOR LIFE

Singles: Is your testimony written down anywhere? Take time this week and write out or type out your salvation story. Use verses like Romans 3:10-12 to explain how the Lord sought you out when you were dead in your sins. Then, take the time to share your testimony with a friend.

Married: Every individual has spiritual blind spots—but couples have them too! Take time with your spouse this week and ask God to reveal to you as a couple what some of your blinds spots could be. Dive into His word knowing that Romans 3:20 is true.

Parents of Preschoolers: Look through some children’s books with your child. Ask them to point out some pictures of characters in the books who are making wrong choices. Comment that we know what right and wrong choices are because God gave us the Bible.

Parents of K-6: Make a list of sins with your child. Discuss what resources we have to help us know when we make wrong choices. God gave us the Bible to teach us right and wrong.

Parents of Teen: With your teen, visit randomactsofkindness.org and spend some time looking at videos, articles, etc. (***notice that there is no mention of God***). Afterwards read Romans 3:9-12 & Psalm 14:1-3 together. Ask them why people try to do good things without God. Is it possible according to these passages?



OPTIONAL ICE BREAKER

Say your name and share if you were a super villain, what would your villain name be?



LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Pastor Jeremiah used the phrase “Radical Corruption.” What does this phrase mean in your own words? How have you seen “Radical Corruption” in your own heart and soul?
2. In what aspects could the doctrine of Radical Corruption be encouraging?
3. Read Romans 3:9-12, John 6:43-44 & Psalm 14:1-3. From these passages, what things are impossible for us to do in our own power? What other things are impossible for you to do without God?
4. How does your personal testimony align with “no one seeks God,” (Romans 3:1b)?
5. Why is it important as Christians to know that we are born sinners and dead in our sins?
6. What things have you heard in culture today that contradict Romans 3:12 & Ecclesiastes 7:20? How would you refute these false ideas?
7. Share the last time you were reading Scripture or heard a sermon and knew you needed to repent. What action did you take next?



FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 53:1-3 (ESV)

¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, doing abominable iniquity; there is none who does good. ²God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

Ephesians 4:18 (ESV)

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Romans 7:7 (ESV)

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”

Galatians 2:16 (ESV)

yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

[Romans 3:10-18]* Paul strings together a series of OT quotations that indict the character (v. 10-12) conversation (13-14) and conduct (15-18) of all men. Seven times he uses words such as “none” and “all” to show the universality of human sin and rebellion.

[Romans 18]* Man’s true spiritual condition is nowhere more clearly seen than in the absence of a proper submission and reverence for God. Biblical fear for God consists of: 1) awe of His greatness and glory, and 2) dread of the results of violating that holy nature (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; 16:6; Acts 5:1-11)

***The MacArthur Study Bible**

Webster Dictionary: Definition of **HUMANISM**

a doctrine, attitude, or way of life centered on human interests or values

especially: a philosophy that usually rejects supernaturalism and stresses an individual's dignity and worth and capacity for self-realization through reason

The humanist says, “I am inherently good and I don’t need God to be good.”

(In regards to Romans 3:9-20) “Nothing shows more clearly the desperate need for the message of the Gospel. For the problem with people is not just that they commit sins; their problem is that they are enslaved to sin. What is needed, therefore, is a new power to break in and set people free from sin—a power found in, *and only in*, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.” —**Douglas J. Moo**

