

2026 Q2 L09 Participant Handout — Sin, the Gospel, and the Law

Big Idea • The law diagnoses our sin and reveals how it separates us from God, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ provides the ultimate cure.

How to Use This Handout • Read the passage. • Notice what the text says. • Bring your questions and reflections to the discussion. • Leave space for what God is showing you.

Day 1 Afternoon — The Ultimate Relationship Barrier

Main Theme • Sin isn't just about breaking a list of rules; it's a wedge that separates us from the God who loves us.

Set the Scene • The prophet Isaiah explains why God seems distant when His people rebel against Him.

Read “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you...” Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

Think About • Why does understanding sin as a "relationship barrier" change the way we view our choices? • What happens to our spiritual life when we try to hide our sins rather than confessing them?

Notice • The cause of the problem: _____ • The devastating result: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply What hidden barrier or unconfessed sin do I need to ask God to remove from my life today?

Day 2 — Distractions and Temptations

Main Theme • Satan often uses daily distractions and subtle temptations rather than massive evils to destroy our faith.

Set the Scene • Samson faces daily, persistent pressure from Delilah to reveal the secret of his strength.

Read “...when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, that he told her all his heart...” Judges 16:16, 17 (NKJV)

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Think About • How does the enemy use daily distractions to wear down our spiritual defenses today? • What are some "slow leaks" that pull our focus away from a relationship with Jesus?

Notice • The frequency of the attack: _____ • The emotional toll on Samson: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply What specific daily distraction (like an app or entertainment) can I fast from this week to protect my spiritual focus?

Day 3 — Radical Surgery for Sin

Main Theme • We must be willing to take radical action to remove anything that threatens to sever our eternal connection with God.

Set the Scene • Jesus uses strong, intentional exaggeration to teach His followers the absolute seriousness of sin.

Read “If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. ... And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out.” Mark 9:43, 47 (NKJV)

Think About • What does "cutting off a hand" look like practically in our modern lives? • Why do we so often try to "manage" our sins rather than radically removing them?

Notice • The cause of the problem: _____ • The radical solutions commanded: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply What stumbling block or habit do I need to radically remove from my life this week?

Day 4 — The Diagnostic Mirror

Main Theme • The law of God is like a mirror—it diagnoses our sin, but it has no power to wash us clean.

Set the Scene • The Apostle Paul explains the true, yet limited, purpose of God's holy law.

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Read “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.” Romans 3:20 (NKJV)

Think About • If keeping the law cannot save us, why did God give it to us in the first place? • How does seeing the "dirt" of our sin through the law push us toward the grace of Jesus?

Notice • The impossible method of salvation: _____ • The true purpose of the law: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply When I feel convicted of a sin today, how can I run to Jesus rather than trying to "fix it" in my own strength?

Day 5 — The Gospel Cure

Main Theme • If the law is the diagnosis, the Gospel is the cure; we are justified entirely by faith in Jesus Christ.

Set the Scene • Paul delivers the ultimate good news of how a broken humanity is made right with God.

Read “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.” Romans 3:28 (NKJV)

Think About • What does it mean to be "justified" in the courtroom of heaven? • Why is it a dangerous trap to depend on our own "good works" to save us?

Notice • The state of the believer: _____ • The method of justification: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply How does knowing I am justified "apart from the deeds of the law" bring peace to my daily relationship with God?

Day 6 — Knowing and Doing

Main Theme • A true relationship with God requires building our lives on the solid rock of obedience, not just hearing the truth.

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Set the Scene • Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount with a famous story comparing two very different builders.

Read “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock...” Matthew 7:24 (NKJV)

Think About • Why is it dangerously easy to mistake "knowing" the Bible for actually "doing" God's will? • How is Gospel-driven obedience entirely different from legalism?

Notice • The action of the wise man: _____ • The contrasting foundations: _____ • What this shows about Jesus: _____

Apply What specific biblical truth do I know well but need to take an active, concrete step of obedience toward today?

Day 7 Reflection Section

This week I discovered:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

A truth about Jesus I want to remember:

One step I will take this week:

Prayer:
