

TAKEAWAY

Big Ideas

Key Christian Beliefs

SIN

Sunday 25th November

INTRODUCTION

Sin isn't a popular thing to talk about but, it totally foundational to what Christians believe about God. Without sin, there is no need for God, grace or salvation.

READ

Romans 3: 20-25

DISCUSS

1. Sin really isn't a popular thing to talk about, how have you heard the word used unhelpfully or negatively?
2. Verse 20 tells us the law can't make us right, even if we could keep it if we can't. In the world around us, how do we see people trying to make themselves good enough?
3. How do we see the pressures of that manifesting in our culture?

4. Verse 23 tells us we have all sinned and fallen short of God's glorious standard. On Sunday, Bekah said that we often project people we have known on to our understanding of who God is. This verse might make us think of someone who we were never quite good enough for. Does that resonate with you? Have you ever had that feeling of never hitting the mark? How does that affect how you see God?

5. Verse 24 goes on to tell us that God has made us right with Him through Jesus.

People often struggle with this, but for opposite reasons - they may feel they are beyond saving, or that that they don't need it. Do you or someone you know fit into either of these camps?

6. Looking back on your own faith journey, how easy have you found it to accept you're a sinner?

7. Are there people who you'd love to see come to know Jesus? Why not pray for them now?

8. Some of us find it easy enough to acknowledge our sinfulness, but find it



harder to accept that God takes that away if we give it to him. This means we carry around guilt when God never intended us to, as he's put it as far from you as the east is from the west (Psalm 103). Does this

resonate with you? Why not spend some time praying, asking God to show you where you're carrying guilt for things.

9. After we choose to follow Jesus, his Holy Spirit continues to

work in us, purifying us and making us more like him. Is there anything you know you need to work on in your life, that it would help to be accountable to someone with?

