



GOD THE SON

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THE PROBLEM: Sin separation from God... spiritual death

(Isaiah 59:2)

- Sin Defined: Any thought, motive, word or act that misses the mark of God's perfect will.
- Sin Categories: • idolatry • misusing God's name • disobeying or dishonoring your parents • lying • deceiving • cheating • stealing • gossip • sexual immorality • lust • jealousy • hatred • unforgiveness • pride • indifference • malice • selfish ambition • explosive anger/rage/violent behavior • foul language • discord • lack of self control • greed • divisive spirit • critical spirit • slander • occultic practices • compulsive behavior • self-destructive habits • etc.
- Self-Examination Test / brdg.es/selfexam2013
- Descriptive phrases of mankind's spiritual condition before God: "*Far away... dead in transgressions and sins... by nature deserving of wrath... separate from Christ... without hope... without God in the world...*" (Ephesians 2:1,3,12,13; cf. James 2:10)
- Verdict: All have sinned... (Romans 3:23; 6:23)

THE SOLUTION: Jesus Christ

- CORE BELIEF: We believe Jesus Christ, the Son, willingly died to become the only way back to God.
- Like Father, like Son (John 10:30; 14:9; Hebrews 1:3)
- ❶ God the Father initiated the plan of salvation (John 3:16)
- ❷ God the Son accomplished salvation for us
- ❸ God the Holy Spirit applies salvation practically into our daily lives

LET'S GET OUR THEOLOGY RIGHT ABOUT JESUS

- FACT: Jesus is eternally God. (John 1:1-2; Colossians 2:9)
- FACT: Jesus was involved in the creation of all things. (John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17)
- FACT: Jesus was sent to earth by the loving initiative of the Father. (John 3:16)
- FACT: Jesus became human to buy back a people for God. (John 1:14)
- FACT: Jesus lived a life of perfect, sinless obedience to the Father. (John 8:46)
- FACT: Jesus voluntarily died in our place. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Philippians 2:6-8; 1 John 2:2)
- FACT: Jesus is the only way back to God. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5-6)

CORE BELIEF

- We believe Jesus Christ, the Son, willingly died to become the only way back to God.

CORE VALUE

- Therefore we will actively help people find God through Christ alone.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Seeing people be spiritually rebirthed (John 3:3; Acts 2:47; 1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Jonah 2:9)

- I will work through the Self-Examination Questions this week
- I will memorize John 14:6 and/or Acts 4:12 this week
- I trusted in Christ alone for my salvation today



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Lesson Aim: To dig deeper in our understanding of who God the Son is so that we can climb higher in our ability to live out the life of actively helping people find God through Christ alone.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

Icebreaker: How are you like your mother or father? (for example, in physical features, personality, habits, gifts, talents, abilities, etc.)

1. Look over the section of your notes from Sunday's teaching called "Let's Get Our Theology Right About Jesus." What is one fact about Jesus that stands out to you and why?
2. In God the Son we see the fusion of divinity and humanity; Jesus is fully God and fully man at the same time. List at least 3 ways the humanity of Jesus is revealed to us in the Gospels.
3. List at least 3 ways the divinity of Jesus is revealed to us in the Gospels.
4. In Sunday's teaching, Pastor Scott stated that our biggest problem as humans is our "Sin Separation from God... Spiritual Death."
READ Ephesians 2:1-10. According to these verses, what are the effects of being dead in transgressions and sins?

5. What are some ways you have seen the destructive power of sin?
6. In Sunday's teaching we also heard that "God the Father initiated the plan of salvation." According to Ephesians 2: 4-7, what motivated God to save us?
7. What do we learn about God's grace from Ephesians 2: 8-10? Does verse 10 contradict verses 8-9? Explain.
8. What are some of the good works God has prepared you to do? What hinders you from doing these?
9. **READ Hebrews 1:1-12.** Of all the qualities mentioned about Jesus here, which one are you beginning to appreciate more and more? Why?
10. The Core Belief & Core Value from Sunday's teaching was: *We believe Jesus Christ, the Son, willingly died to become the only way back to God. Therefore, we will actively help people find God through Christ alone.* When did Jesus become more than just a name to you? Who are some people God used in the process to help you find Him through Christ?
11. Who is one person you cross paths with on a regular basis that you can actively help to find God through Christ? (note: please feel free to list more than one person!)
12. What are some practical ways you can take steps toward doing this?

Close in prayer by asking the Holy Spirit to help you help others find God through Jesus Christ.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Messages" link.