



Week 4
Feb. 7, 2010
Lesson Big Idea:

Evil is a part of the human condition and we all contribute to it. Our culture has rejected the idea of sin but sin is why the world is broken and we are broken. Even though God created us good, original sin has bent our natures so that we desire the wrong things and act on those desires.

Opening Questions:

- ◆ Why is it so hard for people to admit they are wrong about something?

Read Romans 5:12,18-21

- ◆ What entered the world because of Adam's fall and what is the root cause of death?
- ◆ How has this brokenness affected the world around us?
- ◆ At what point in your life did you realize you were guilty of sin?
- ◆ At what point in your life did you realize God's love for you?
- ◆ How can knowing you are forgiven and righteous before God through Jesus Christ affect your attitudes and actions?

Read 1 John 1:8-10

- ◆ About what do we tend to deceive ourselves?
- ◆ Why would someone claim that he or she is without sin?
- ◆ How does the promise of being purified from all sin make you feel?
- ◆ What role does confession of sin play in your life? How can you make it a more intentional part of your life?

Read

Prayer Direction:

Spend some time in prayers of confession of personal and corporate sins. Thank God for the promise of forgiveness.

Pray for people who you know are suffering. Ask God to use you to bring hope and relief.