

Getting Started

1. Where do you see God most clearly in Creation?
2. Why do we avoid seeing sin as sin or attempt to explain it away?
3. What type of sin do you struggle with most?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. **Belgic Confession Article 1: The Only God**

We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God—eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

Can we ever fully know God?

6. Read Isaiah 44:9-20; Romans 1:21-23; and Colossians 3:5. Why do we worship and pay homage to something other than God? What are the consequences?
7. Read through Psalm 8. How does that correspond with what Paul says in Romans 1:20?
8. Romans 1:24 states that “God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity.” Did God really give up on people or has their sin pulled them away from God? See James 1:13 and Ephesians 4:19.

Application

9. In order to be free from it, we have to see sin for what it is: foolishness that separates us from God. Every person sins and every sin separates us from God. The only way to be free from this sin is to confess it to God. A prayer of confession (where we confess our sins to God) is an important part of our prayer life. Offer a prayer of confession to God.

Praying Scripture

Psalm 70

1 Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

O Lord, make haste to help me!

2 Let them be put to shame and confusion
who seek my life!

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!

3 Let them turn back because of their shame
who say, "Aha, Aha!"

4 May all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you!

May those who love your salvation
say evermore, "God is great!"

5 But I am poor and needy;
hasten to me, O God!

You are my help and my deliverer;
O Lord, do not delay!

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“Rotting Core”

For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:21-23

- **We know God _____ because we see his eternal _____ and divine _____ in creation.**
- **The unrighteous choose the _____ of their hearts over God's _____.**
- **We have to see sin for what it is: _____ that _____ us from God.**

Topics: Sin, unrighteousness, God's power