

## Open

This week's question from the congregation was about sin. Sin isn't always the most enjoyable thing to discuss, but it is important for us as Christians to understand what sin is and what it has done to us and our world because without that understanding then we cannot understand our need for the Gospel of Jesus.

Begin by trying to paint a picture of what sin is by asking, "If you could describe sin in one or two words, what words would you use?" Write these words down to create a more complete picture for your group.

## Reflect

Please take a moment to read Romans 5:12-21.

When Paul says that sin came into the world through one man multiple times in this passage, whom is he referring to? What is the significance of how sin entered the world?

Even as Paul says that sin entered through one man, he also says that "death spread to all men because all sinned." What is this passage communicating about our responsibility for sin?

In these passages, Paul contrasts the first man and Jesus multiples time. What are some of the differences between the two? In this what do we learn about the Gospel?

## **Apply**

As we think about following Jesus, we can often get stuck on the laws of the Scriptures. What do we learn about our relationship to the law in this passage?

When we think about the full consequences and depth of sin, how does this demonstrate the magnitude of grace from God for us?

How does our understanding of sin affect how view of evangelism?

What have you learned about sin during this week (either from the sermon, reading, or group) that the Holy Spirit is working to apply to your life?

## Close

Please read Romans 6:1-14 as a benediction for your group and pray for them.