

KEY VERSES

Romans 5:12, 15



Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—



But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 1

BIG QUESTION

Have you ever wondered what is wrong with us? What are some of the conclusions you've come to?

READ

"Knowing what the problem is, is not the same as knowing the solution."

REFLECT

What is one problem you have with yourself that you've tried to fix on your own? Has it worked?

STUDY TIME

Romans 5:7-8



You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



GOING DEEPER

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"While we were still powerless."

"While we were still sinners...Christ died for us."

CONSIDER THIS

Why do you think God considered it the right time to die for us, before we solved our own problems?

So often we think the right time to come to God is when we've cleaned ourselves up. But is this what the Bible says?

What does this reveal about God's heart towards us even when we are struggling with sin?

**It is for freedom that
Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and
do not let yourselves
be burdened again by
a yoke of slavery.**

(Gal. 5:1)



GOING DEEPER

Week 1

CHALLENGE + PRAYER

Even as Christians, sin can live in us. The more we feed it, the stronger it gets. (Rom. 7:17).

This series is called Free, because even though we are sinners, God says we can cut off sin's power to make room for God's power. Sin does not have to rule over us, rather, Jesus makes it possible for us to rule over sin.

- Do you feel powerful or powerless over sin in your life right now?
- What are some ways you have or can battle against sin with God's power? (Consider: worship, prayer, service, accountability, God's word, and fellowship.)
- What are some ways we can pray for each other as we ask for more of God's power to do good in our lives, rather than the bad things we don't want to do?