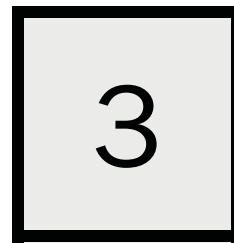


Faith-Builders Sunday Morning Workout
September 25, 2011
“But It WAS Very Good ...”



Class Goal: to discover that sin – thinking that we are gods and forgetting that we are God’s – is THE cause of shame, blame and pain in our lives.

Belong _____

Heaven and Hell

Complete the following sentences as we begin to think about the story of Adam, Eve and the beginnings of sin.

1. One place I've been that seems 'heavenly' to me is _____.
2. One experience I've had that feels to me like 'hell' is _____.
3. One word I'd use to describe the place we call 'heaven' is _____.
4. One place I've been that seems a little bit like 'hell' to me is _____.
5. One experience I've had that feels almost 'heavenly' to me is _____.
6. One word I'd use to describe the place we call 'hell' is _____.



Believe

Some Things to Remember from Last Week!

According to the Bible, God is the Creator of everything that is. God created everything to be "GOOD!" After human beings were created, God declared that the creation was "VERY GOOD." The key issue in the biblical story of the beginnings of life and time is who made it. The key issue for scientists who study the life's beginnings is how it came to be.

If God Created a Good World, Why Are Things So Bad?

1. The first thing the serpent asked Eve to do was _____ God.
2. A second thing the serpent did was to call God a _____.
3. Eve and Adam got into a big mess because they thought of they were _____.
4. Eve and Adam got into a big mess because they forgot that they were _____.



5. _____ means thinking that we are gods and forgetting that we are God's.
6. Three things that happen in the story of Adam and Eve because of sin are:
 - ▶ _____
 - ▶ _____
 - ▶ _____

Sins and the Sinners

Let's start with a statement "WE MAKE BAD CHOICES."

Sins are the _____ that we all make.

To say "I sinned" is another way to say I made a _____.

To say "I am sinful" is another way to say I make _____.

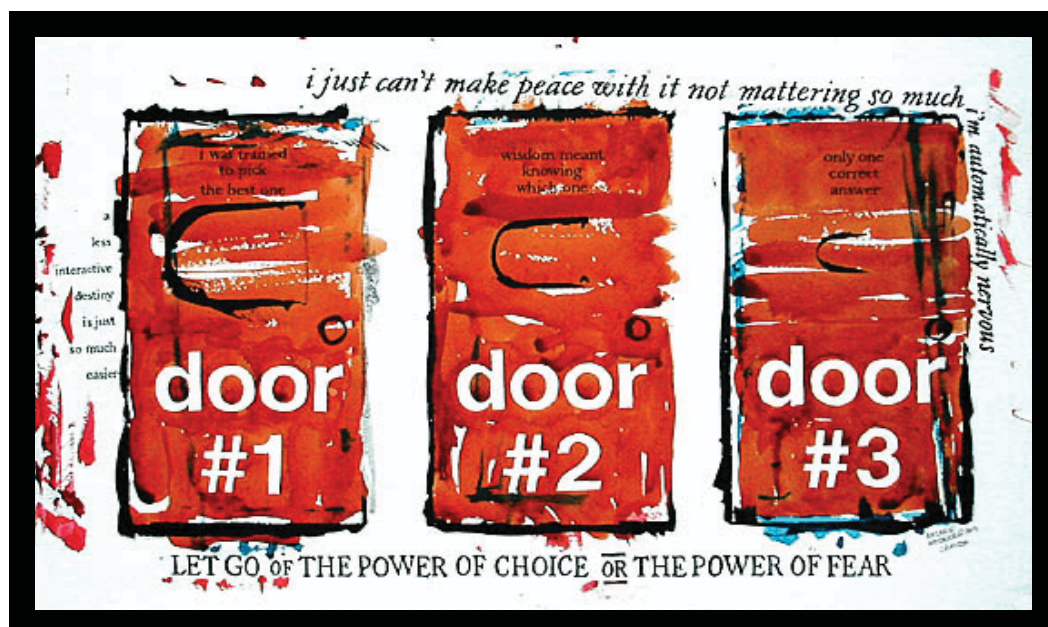
Sin is the reality that we _____ make bad choices.

We sin (make bad choices) because we think that we are _____ and forget that we are _____.

Think About It

Many people over the years have *tried* to live sinless lives.

- ▶ If one COULD live a sinless life, what would it look like?
- ▶ What WOULD a sinless person do or not do in the course of a day?
- ▶ Is it POSSIBLE to live a sinless life? Why or why not?



Become

Getting to Know Your Bible: Read Psalm 51:1-5 aloud. Then answer the following:

- ▶ What is the writer of that song feeling when he writes those lyrics?
- ▶ What - according to Psalm 51 - does the writer feel he needs?
- ▶ Who - according to Psalm 51 - can deal with those needs?
- ▶ Have you ever felt like the writer of that song?

Talk It Out:

- ▶ Go ahead ... and admit one “sin” that you have committed in the past week.
- ▶ Was it easy for you to think of that sin? Or do you think that you’re pretty much perfect?
- ▶ Whose lives were effected by that particular sin? Your own? Your friends? Your parents? Teachers? Neighbors?
- ▶ Do our sins sometimes have impacts on the lives of other people and ourselves in ways that we don’t quite realize?