

Sermon Study | 6 Words that Can Change Your Life Sorry | Luke 18, Romans 3:23 and Romans 6:23 September 8, 2019

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

We all have fallen short of hitting God's mark of perfection. All we need to say is, "God I'm sorry," and in humility, let Jesus take the shot for us and the arrows that were meant for us. Saying "sorry" could be the very thing that has a domino effect to change our lives. When we talk about forgiveness, we also need to consider how saying asking for forgiveness can transform our relationships!

Read Luke 18:9-12. Saying the word "sorry" can infuse health and bring healing into our relationships. In this passage, Jesus taught about what really makes someone righteous before God: humility, and specifically the ability to say sorry.

- What are a few ways you could use this word in a way that could change your life and relationships?
- Have you ever known someone who could never be wrong and never say sorry? How did that make you feel?
- Are you doing the same thing to someone in your life? How do you think that affects your relationship with others?

Read Luke 18:13-14, Romans 3:23, and Romans 6:23. Sin is defined as "missing the mark." With God, there's only one mark: God's law, God's way. His mark is perfection, so if we miss it once, we've missed it completely. We are either perfect or not perfect. It's safe to say none of us would claim perfection. And since all of us have missed the mark, we are all sinners in need of God's mercy through Jesus.

- When it comes to recognizing your own sinfulness, do you relate more with the Pharisees or with the tax collector? Why?
- When was the last time someone said sorry to you? Are you tempted to hold the power in a relationship to keep the offending person down? Explain more. Have you given people permission to say sorry? How could you encourage this?
- When was the last time you said sorry to someone else? How did you handle it? How does it feel to be vulnerable in that way with someone else? What did it do your relationship? Do you need to let go of any qualifying phrases (like "But at least I didn't...") that negate your apology?

REFLECT

What is God saying to you through His word? How and when will you respond?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Luke 18:9-12 | Sorry, not sorry.

Day Two: Luke 18:13 and Romans 3:23 | A sinner's sorry.

Day Three: Luke 18:14 and Romans 3:23-24 | Humble and justified.

Day Four: Luke 18:9-12 | Humble enough to forgive.

Day Five: Romans 6:23 | We miss the mark.