

Paradigm Discipleship

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The purpose of this resource is to provide some guidance for you as you encourage your disciple to develop a strong devotional relationship with God.

The following resource is part 3 of 5 resources designed to help your disciple gain a better understanding of the Gospel.

We encourage you to do your own study, using this resource as a guide, to develop a learning experience for you and your disciple that will help you both move deeper in your understanding and experience of interacting with a God who desires a deep, intimate relationship with you.

THE GOSPEL PART 3-MAN

Study Question: What is the history of man?

- *Be sure to ask them to back up their answers with scripture
- *Created in Gods image: Genesis 1:26-27
- *Created for a purpose: Isaiah 43:21
- *Rebelled and turned away from God: Romans 5:12-14, Psalm 14:1-3

Study Question: What is the nature of man like?

- *Evil: Genesis 6:5
 - *Rebellious: Roman 3:12
 - *Hypocritical: Romans 2:1
 - *Unable to discern the things of God: 1 Corinthians 2:14
- *Now that we have established what the nature of man is, sinful/rebellious, what is the wage for sin?
Romans 6:23- your sin EARNNS you death.
- *What type of death is this referring to?
Revelation 20:14
- *With this in mind, what is the natural state of every person that has ever been born?
Romans 5:12-14- One sin in the garden brought death to all mankind and we are guilty of far more than one.
Ephesians 2:1-3- The natural state of every person deserves the wrath of God.
John 3:18-21- People hate light and are considered condemned until they repent.
- *We cannot think of sin as individual actions, but the nature of people that is expressed in the way we choose to rebel against God, it is not what we do, **it is who we are**. Read Matthew 15:10-20.

Study Question: Now that we understand God's holiness and man's sinfulness, why do you think sin is so offensive to God?

- *What is the true nature of sin? What are we doing every time we choose to disobey God?
 - *2 Corinthians 1:20 God has provided for us completely in His Son Jesus Christ. Sin is a declaration that God is not enough and that we don't trust him to meet our needs and desires.
- * Sin is not only offensive to God, but it makes it impossible for any person to experience Him.
 - *Isaiah 59:2 Mans decision to disobey a just God has made it so we, in our natural state, cannot experience Him. We are separated unless our sin is punished and God's justice is exercised.