

What Went Wrong? SIN/Gap

Week 3

What Are You Talking About?

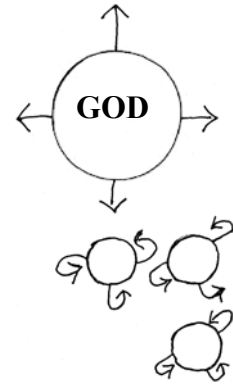
Something happened. Life's not what it was meant to be. Last time, we were introduced to the road sign for God. It is a symbol developed by Harry Wendt, the author of a study of the Bible called Crossways. The symbol points us to the truth that God is complete in Himself. This makes Him free not to worry about Himself and consequently is free to give complete attention to others.

God made humans to be "like Him," in His image. Not complete in themselves, but in being connected to Him and His care and concern, they were free from needing to give attention to themselves. Being that way gave them the freedom to enjoy everything outside of themselves. It's pretty clear that our lives are not like that now.

Something happened!

What happened is "The Fall", recorded in Genesis 3. So much can be learned from this account:

1. It points us to what SIN is. It is the basic problem and is different from sins. It is important to be clear of this distinction.
2. SIN is a condition of living apart from God. Our concern becomes ourselves because we are separated from Him. The arrows turn in...that is now our nature.
3. This keeps us from being truly concerned about others! This is the cause of sins.
4. So SIN is living apart from God. This is what affects how we see ourselves and others.



Goal: To see that the SIN/Gap is the real problem. It is the cause of sins. God wants it to change.

Web Extra

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Only one thing satisfies... that being a relationship with God. But we often get caught up in the next big thing, hoping it will give our life meaning or excitement.

Lifeguard Group

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Goal: SIN is separation from God. He wants to change that.

Try This!

Magnets and the invisible force field...
Materials in classroom

Be Useful Gal. 5:13

Consider what may be pulling you away from God. Pray for His guidance in pulling you back to Him.

My Yeah God!

My Shout Out!

That's A Good Question!

From Life On The Rock

Why do you think Isaac has a bad attitude about helping others?

What helped him see it differently?

My Faith Book

Read pages 16-17 (sins) and 22-23

The Bible

Read Genesis 3

God and Adam and Eve had a loving relationship. Who moved away from it? Why?

MY THOUGHTS

Make a list of sins. Discuss how a separation in the relationship with God has caused sins to occur. For example, why do people steal, kill, lie.

Key Verse:

For no one can be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. (Romans 3:20)