

Digging Deeper

Key Passage: Romans 1:18-25; Proverbs 4:18-19

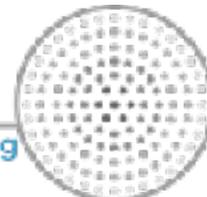
Main Idea: Sin is not just disobeying God's law, but it is also choosing to reject God's love

Background:

God is the Source of all that is good. We were created to find our life in him. When we sin, we are really choosing to try to find life apart from God. We are looking to created things to satisfy our deepest desires and longings. Throughout our series, we'll be looking at "seven deadly sins." But instead of focusing primarily on the sin, we'll be looking at them in the context of the kind of life God offers us instead.

Discussion:

1. What was most challenging, insightful, or confusing to you from Sunday's message?
2. On Sunday, we talked about how sin is not just breaking God's law, but it is also choosing to reject God's love. How can this perspective be helpful in overcoming temptation?
3. Take a moment and read John 15:9-10. According to these verses, how do we "remain in God's love?" These verses are often misread and misunderstood to mean that God only loves us when we are keeping his commands. How does our discussion on Sunday (main idea above) correct this understanding? In other words, what is Jesus really saying about remaining in God's love?
4. Take a moment and read Romans 1:18-25 again. In what ways does God reveal his wrath by giving us what we want? In what ways have you experienced this?
5. Based on Romans 1:21-23, what do we do when we choose not to worship God? In what ways can even the desire for good things (work, reputation, pleasure, etc.) become ultimate things to us?



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Application:

- Take some time to prayerfully reflect on areas where you are most tempted by sin's promises. In what ways are you most tempted to replace the worship of God for something else?
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