



Week Seven | Sunday, February 21, 2010

“Friends, we have a problem” Romans 3:9-20

1. What do you think most people in this world would say is the fundamental problem that every human being has to deal with?
2. The Apostle Paul says in Romans 3:9 that the problem we all face is that we are “under sin”. That means we are controlled by sin. **How would you describe sin to someone who has no concept of sin?** Remember we live in a time when most people do not attend church and have very little knowledge of biblical ideas or even the story of scripture.
3. How is it that humans are all controlled by sin? What does that mean? What does that look like?
4. In Romans 3:10-12 and Romans 3:18 it describes for us what be controlled by sin looks like. To what extent do you believe it is true that there are none righteous, no one on their own seeks God, no one does ultimate good, no one fears and honours God.
5. There are two forms of self centeredness. The bad kind where someone lives totally for themselves, with no regard for others, selfishly, greedy, breaking accepted rules. That is the kind of self centeredness that we get upset over. Share an example of this kind of self centeredness.
6. The second kind of self centeredness is a moral kind. Share an example of this kind of self centeredness. This is the kind that Paul is speaking directly to in Romans 3.
7. What does Romans 3:20 tell people who think they can earn God’s acceptance, that if they do all the right things or enough right things, it will earn them God’s acceptance?
8. What is the solution to the problem of being “under sin”? How does God save us from ourselves?