



## GOSPEL SERIES – PART 2: THE BAD NEWS

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### WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group is able to lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- This Is Our God (*Phil Wickham*)
- How Great Is Your Love (*Phil Wickham*)
- Reign Above It All (*Bethel Music*)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Genesis 2:17
- Romans 3:23-25, 6:17-18, 23
- Isaiah 53:5
- John 1:29, 3:16
- Ephesians 1:7, 2:1-5
- Titus 2:14
- Acts 2:38-39

### OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to open your hearts and minds to understand the depth of sin and the greatness of His salvation.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Sin has three main aspects: legal guilt, separation/death, and disease.
2. Jesus addresses each aspect as our Redeemer, Savior, and Healer.
3. Understanding the "bad news" helps us appreciate the good news of the Gospel.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentions that sin has a "legal guilt" component. How does this change your perspective on sin and its consequences?
2. Reflect on the statement: "God is just, and that's what makes him good." How does this challenge or affirm your view of God?
3. The sermon talks about sin resulting in separation from God. Can you share a time when you felt distant from God? What led to that feeling?
4. How does the idea of sin as a "disease" resonate with you? In what ways have you experienced the effects of this "soul disease" in your life?
5. Pastor Brian mentions that our "ladders don't reach high enough from below." What does this metaphor mean to you in terms of our relationship with God?
6. How does understanding Jesus as fully human and fully God help address the different aspects of sin discussed in the sermon?

## PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. **Gratitude Exercise:** Take a moment to write down specific things you're thankful for regarding Jesus as your Redeemer, Savior, and Healer.
2. **Self-Reflection:** This week, pay attention to moments when you feel the effects of sin (guilt, separation, or "disease"). Journal about these experiences and pray for God's intervention.
3. **Scripture Meditation:** Choose one of the Bible verses mentioned in the sermon (e.g., Isaiah 53:5, John 3:16, Romans 6:17-18) and spend time meditating on it daily this week.
4. **Share Your Story:** If you're comfortable, share with the group or a trusted friend about how you came to understand your need for Jesus as Redeemer, Savior, and Healer.

## CLOSING PRAYER

End your session by thanking Jesus for His work as Redeemer, Savior, and Healer. Ask for His continued work in transforming your lives and deepening your understanding of the Gospel.