

WEEK 2 - The Penalty: The Wages of Sin

Scripture: Romans 6:23 — "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Main Point: Our sin earns a penalty — separation from God.

Whiteboard Illustration:

Draw two basketball courts side-by-side: one labeled **"God"**, one labeled **"Us"** with a big gap and "Sin" in the middle.

Coach Says:

"In basketball, if you foul too many times, you're out of the game. Sin does the same thing — it separates us from God. The Bible says the cost of sin is death, but the story doesn't end there! God offers a free gift — eternal life through Jesus. He made a way for us to get back in the game."

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What happens when sin separates us from God?
- 2. Why is Jesus called God's 'gift'?

Prayer:

"God, thank You for showing us that sin has a cost — and thank You even more for giving us the gift of life through Jesus."