

NOTES

OWN YOUR STUFF

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EZEKIEL 18

Introduction

1. Conduct a Thorough _____

Look for:

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2. Consider the _____ of Change

•From death to _____

•From life to _____

3. Come to God for a New _____ and a _____

•Turn _____ from sin

•Turn _____ God

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Listen to the introduction to this week's sermon (10 famous quotes) and pick your favorite saying. Why did you choose it? (Alternative: Cite a favorite saying that's not on the list and explain why you like it.)

2. Read Ezekiel 18:1-4. There is a right and a wrong use of the popular proverb in v.2. In what sense is it true? Have you experienced this yourself? If yes, explain. In what sense is this proverb false (or misapplied)?

3. Read Ezekiel 18:5-20. Make two lists: first, the "righteous deeds" of the father and his grandson (vv.5-9 and vv.14-17); second, the "sinful deeds" of the son (vv.10-13). What are the benefits of reviewing lists like these when conducting a thorough (and daily) self-evaluation?

4. The apostle Paul is also known for creating lists of virtues and vices. Read Galatians 5:19-22. Which fruit of the Spirit would you like to see more of in your life? Explain.

5. Read Psalm 19:12, 13. What are the differences between a hidden fault and a willful sin? Give an example of each. What is the difference between a sin of commission and a sin of omission? (Hint: see James 4:17.) Give an example of each from your life. (Yup, you gotta personalize it.)

6. Read I John 1:5-10. What do you learn about confessing sins from these verses? How good are you at doing this? Explain. What are the downsides of not practicing regular confession?

7. Read Ezekiel 18:21-23. How does the story of Zacchaeus illustrate this passage? Why would Satan want to convince you that certain sins are never going to lose their grip on you (multiple answers)?

8. What are some steps that you would recommend to a fellow Christ follower who's trying to break a pattern of sin in their life?

9. Read Ezekiel 18:24. What is the danger that God warns against in this verse? What two forms of "death" did the sermon describe at this point? (Hint: the first is alluded to in Hebrews 10:26, 27; the second, in Isaiah 59:2.) Take a moment for silent prayer: ask God to put his finger on any sinful habit that is "killing" your relationship with him.

10. Read Ezekiel 18:30-32. What are the two steps of the daily repentance "dance"? What does God offer us in v.31 and Psalm 51:10? Why is this provision so important?

11. What's your most important takeaway from this study?