



WEEK 1
REALIZE: THE STORY OF EZEKIAL
EZEKIAL 1-4

REVIEW

What were some of the key things you took from today's message?

REFLECT

When are some of the times that you have felt closest to God? What characterized those times?

How would you define sin? Do you think it is more than just missing the mark or a bunch of do's and don'ts?

Why do you think God hates sin?

Do you think that it's important for us to realize our sin?

How does sin distract you from experiencing God?

How do you see your sin keeping you from experiencing God in your life? Give examples.

How has God made you realize your sin in the past?

Have you ever experienced conviction over something from the Holy Spirit? What was that like?

What are some practical things in your life that you have used to keep yourself aware of sin?

How does God's patience with Israel over the course of hundreds of years to make you feel about His patience with you?

How do you recognize your need for a sin bearer?

What do you think the cure for sin is?

How can you have victory over sin in your life?

RESPOND

Why shouldn't we sin? Here are 35 reasons for you to think about this week, as you seek God in prayer, asking Him to help you realize sin in your life.

1. Because a little sin leads to more sin.
2. Because my sin invites the discipline of God.
3. Because the time spent in sin is forever wasted.
4. Because my sin never pleases, but always grieves God, who loves me.
5. Because my sin places a greater burden on my spiritual leaders.
6. Because in time, my sin always brings heaviness to my heart.
7. Because I am doing what I do not have to do.
8. Because my sin always makes me less than what I could be.
9. Because others, including my family, suffer consequences because of my sin.
10. Because my sin saddens the godly.
11. Because my sin makes the enemies of God rejoice.
12. Because sin deceives me into believing I have gained when I have really lost.
13. Because sin may keep me from qualifying for spiritual leadership.
14. Because the supposed benefits of my sin will never outweigh the consequences of disobedience.
15. Because repenting of my sin is such a painful process, yet I must repent.
16. Because sin is a very brief pleasure for an eternal loss.
17. Because my sin may influence others to sin.
18. Because my sin may keep others from knowing Christ.
19. Because sin makes light of the cross, upon which Christ died for the very purpose of taking away my sin.
20. Because it is impossible to sin and follow the Spirit at the same time.
21. Because God chooses not to respect the prayers of those who cherish their sin.
22. Because sin steals my reputation and robs me of my testimony.
23. Because others once more earnest than me have been destroyed by just such sins.
24. Because the inhabitants of heaven and hell would all testify to the foolishness of this sin.
25. Because sin and guilt may harm both mind and body.
26. Because sins mixed with service make the things of God tasteless.
27. Because suffering for sin has no joy or reward, though suffering for righteousness has both.
28. Because my sin is adultery with the world.
29. Because, though forgiven, I will review this very sin at the Judgment Seat, where loss and gain of eternal rewards are applied.
30. Because I can never really know ahead of time how severe the discipline for my sin might be.
31. Because my sin may be an indication of a lost condition.
32. Because to sin is not to love Christ.
33. Because of my unwillingness to reject this sin now grants it an authority over me greater than I wish to believe.
34. Because sin glorifies God, only in His judgment of it and His turning of it to good use, never because it is worth anything on its own.
35. Because I promised God that He would be Lord of my life.

May the Lord grant us the proper motivation in our fight against sin and may we all walk in the victory that Christ purchased for us on the cross.

Weekly Challenge: Spend time in prayer each day this week asking God to help you realize the sin that is in your life.