
L. UNDERSTANDING THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE

L.3 I understand what the Bible means when it describes SIN.

Isaiah 59:1-3

A STORY Jerry met with me and he was really confused. “I am troubled he said! I just don’t know what is right or wrong. I see people doing things that don’t seem right but then I do things that I am not sure are right or wrong. How do I know? Is it wrong to smoke? Is it wrong to drink alcohol? Is it wrong to chew tobacco?

What makes things right or wrong.” What makes it sin?

DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE

Isaiah 59:1-3

Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save,
nor his ear too dull to hear.

² But your iniquities have separated
you from your God;
your sins have hidden his face from you,
so that he will not hear.

³ For your hands are stained with blood,
your fingers with guilt.
Your lips have spoken falsely,
and your tongue mutters wicked things.

DISCUSSION AND DISCOVERY

1. What does this first phrase tell you about God?
2. What is an iniquity? How is it different from sin?
3. What from these verses tell you what sin is and its effects?
4. How does sin impact your relationship with God?
5. What parts of the body can sin?
6. Suggestions: Look at BibleProject video on Khata the Hebrew word for sin.

APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY

7. How does the concept of sin impact you personally?
8. If sin separates you from God, what is your present status with God?
9. Why do you think sin separates you from God?
10. When you face your sin, how do you feel?
11. What does the Bible say that overcomes this consequence?
12. Take a look at the Bible project video on Atonement or better understanding?
13. What steps can you take to deal with this feeling of guilt?

For more research on sin in the Bible read and study Romans chapters three. Another verse to discuss about sin is James 4:17. What is it that you know to do and then you do not do it? How have you experienced that?