

POWERLIFE

DATE: Nov. 20, 2024

SERIES: 10 Commandments (broken)

TOPIC: You + Jesus (Help/Healing)

Big Questions: Have you ever broken the rules? Maybe you play sports, and stepped out of bounds or you play an instrument and hit the wrong note. Maybe you were writing and forgot to capitalize a word or missed a comma in your sentence. Harmless, right? Even so, you technically still broke the rules. But what about the 10 commandments, have you ever broken one of those? Have you ever lied? Taken something that wasn't yours? Ever used God's name inappropriately? Missed church services on a weekend, or said something disrespectful to your parents? What happens if we break the rules God gave us? Does he get mad? Will he forgive us?

Main Takeaway: Even though each of us (Romans 3:23) have broken the rules (whether on purpose or by accident) God says there is a punishment for our mistake. (Romans 6:23) However, God loved us so much that he sent his son, Jesus (John 3:16) to pay the price for our mistakes. (2 Corinthians 5:21) Now that we've been forgiven, should we keep on sinning? (Romans 6:1-2) Of course not! Sin no longer has power in our lives. (Romans 6:6) The old life is gone, and the new life is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

GETTING STARTED

- **TAKE ATTENDANCE!** If you have any students in your group who are not on your roster, please WRITE their names on your sheet! Also, please make note about who is missing.
- **WELCOME** anyone NEW this week! (Be sure they get supplies if REGISTERED)

SMALL GROUP COVENANT!

- Remind students of the RULES/EXPECTATIONS for group discussion!

DISCUSSION STARTERS *(only if needed – skip ahead to discussion questions for more time!)*

- **HIGHS/LOWS** – take time to go around the circle – allow space for students to share HIGHS (what's going well right now) and LOWS (what's NOT going so well right now?)

BUILDING HOPE FOR THE WORLD!

- Please plan to join us THIS WEEKEND for our contribution weekend at ALL services!
- NOTE: the Christmas Tree Lighting is happening on the main circle drive (Saturday 5pm)!

POWERLIFE “SHOUTOUTS!”

- **NOTE:** leave your shoutouts at the Leader Table when you check out!

OPEN YOUR BIBLES!

- Have students look up and **HIGHLIGHT** these verses (pick a different student for each one!)

Romans 3:23 (page 1362)

- POP QUIZ: Who wrote this letter to the church in Rome? (The Apostle Paul!)
- What does it mean to “fall short of God’s glorious standard?” (we’re not perfect!)
 - Who are the worst sinners in the world? (Everyone! No one can escape it!)

Romans 6:23 (page 1366)

- What does the “wages of sin” mean? What is the PENALTY for our sin? (Death)

Romans 5:6-11 (page 1364)

- When we were utterly helpless (stuck in SIN) what did God do? (Sent Jesus!)
 - WHY do you think he did that?
- **IMPORTANT:** while you were **STILL** a sinner, God sent Jesus to die for you!
- NOTE: God is NOT waiting for you to “fix your life” before he starts loving you.
 - It’s because of HIS FORGIVENESS that you are made CLEAN & HOLY!

Romans 6:1-6 (page 1365)

- So, if Jesus already forgave us (and will continue forgiving us) do we REALLY need to change our behavior? Why? Or Why Not? Why is SIN bad for us?
 - Does SIN still have power over our lives? (NO!)

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 1410)

- What do these verses say about our “old life”? (it’s NO MORE!)
- Now that we have been forgiven, how should we live our life! (read verse 20)

PRACTICE “SEARCHING” THE BIBLE!

- Take a moment to open to page 1597 and have students browse through all the various topics covered in the Bible. **Pick a subject, find the page, and read together!**

SERVICE PROJECTS!

- If your group would like to help make sandwiches for the homeless shelter, bring supplies for the Laundry Ministry, or donate food/clothing, please let us know!

FOR THE WEEK AHEAD!

- IDEA: Make time to **RE-READ these HIGHLIGHTED verses** again this week!

PRAY TO END THE NIGHT!

- Ask if any STUDENT wants to close your time together in prayer? OR as a leader, say a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing over the group! End with the Lord’s Prayer!

CHECK OUT AT THE LEADER TABLE!

- Please return your folder (and your roster with attendance) to the leader table. If you have feedback or notes, please leave those with us as well!! **THANK YOU!!**