



For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. Romans 3:23-24



1. The theme of the message revolved around scoreboards – in what ways do people today measure whether their life is going well or not?
 - Most of us have done this, but why do you think we do that?
2. Think about a time when you did something you regretted, you may have spoken harshly, lied, or made a poor decision... why do these negative things stay with us well after they have happened?
3. Read James 2:10 and Romans 3:23, what do these two passages teach about who has fallen short of God's standard?
 - When people do mess up, why do they often make excuses, blame others, hide or lie rather than admitting their mistakes?
 - Who was blamed in Genesis 3:12?
 - Have you ever blamed God?

4. Read Psalm 139:1-4 and Hebrews 4:13. Do you find passages like this encouraging, terrifying or is there some other response you have?
 - Why is that?
5. Sometimes when people have done wrong, they try and do “good things” to make up for it – what good things have you done when you know you did wrong?
 - Did it immediately fix the problem/consequences?
 - When our wrong is against God, what does Isaiah 64:6 and Ephesians 2:8-9 say about any efforts to do good or better?
 - What “wrongs” are against God?
6. So often when someone acknowledges their wrongs, they feel they are failures, forgotten/invisible, or the fear the consequences, what difference would the following make if people truly believed them:
 - Forgiven – Romans 8:1
 - Belonging – John 15:15
 - Future – Jeremiah 29:11
7. 1 Timothy 1:15-16 is Paul speaking about the mercy he received – how can the account of his life reveal the acceptance, grace, peace and love Jesus provides to those who have messy, complicated, and even harmful pasts?
8. Mark 9:24 is a powerful verse. It shows a father who willingly reveals both his faith and his doubt – and God is not offended by imperfect faith. Trusting God doesn’t mean you have it all figured out.
 - This father cried to God to “Help” him, do you have an area where you need to ask God for help?
9. Read Psalm 103:10 – 12. Jesus changes our scorecard. What is one practical step you can take to shape the way you live, think or relate to others as a result of this truth?
 - How would you respond on the “Score Card?”