

The Gospel Way Catechism

Question 16:
What has gone wrong?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What do you think is wrong with the world today? Be specific.

When did you first learn about sin? What do you remember about your first understanding of it?

How do you understand sin today? Has your understanding changed over time?

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ANSWER: The deepest source of misery in the world is not ignorance, injustice, or the failure to be true to ourselves. It is sin: cosmic treason against our Creator and his rule. Sin corrupts creation, wrecks relationships, and enslaves us to the Evil One.

hamartano (verb): to be without a share in, to miss the mark, to miss or wander from the path of uprightness and honor, to do or go wrong, to wander from the law of God, violate God's law, sin

PRINCIPLES:

Sin entered into the world in the Garden (Genesis 3:1-24)

Sin is inherent in humanity (Romans 3:9-20)

Sin is always against God, even if it is also against others (Psalm 51:1-4)

Sin always comes with consequences (Isaiah 59:1-2, Romans 1:24-32)

Sin is not solved by more education, behavior modification, political affiliation, or economic renovation. Sin is solved through acceptance, confession, repentance, faith, and surrender (1 John 1:8-9, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Acts 3:17-21, 2 Corinthians 7:8-13)

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Do you recognize your sin? Do you understand its implications towards God and others?

Are you more likely to see sin in other people or yourself? Why?

What has your experience been with repentance? Do you find you can change your mind and your decisions about sin?