

THE PROBLEM of ME

SERMON DISCUSSION

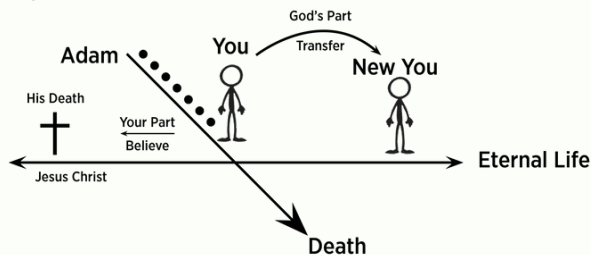
Giving Up On Me

Quotable Moments:

- You are ungodly. You're in good company.
- It's impossible to solve a problem if you don't know what's causing the problem.

Key Things You Heard:

- Every religion other than Christianity says this: "You ought to. You didn't. You'll pay."
- Jesus taught one rule: "Love one another the way I have loved you."
- Religion informs us what to do. It doesn't enable us to do it.
- Fruit is produced in and through us, not by us.
- Following Jesus is about keeping in step with Jesus, instead of following the law. It's about a relationship, not rules.



Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: What is something you tried out for, but didn't make the team, or succeed in learning the skill. How did you respond to that?

- Have you ever tried to live by this principle: "If you are just a little more religious you can solve the problem of you." What were the results of your efforts?
- Read Galatians 5:16-18. How does Apostle Paul describe this conflict?
- Read Galatians 5:22-25. What part of the fruit of the Spirit do you struggle with the most?
- Paul said "Fruit is produced in and through us, not by us." What is our responsibility in this? How does the visual of vine and branches illustrate this principle?
- Paul talked about two different mindsets when we sin. We can either say, "I did it again" or we can say "I got out of step". What is the difference in outcome when you use the second statement? How might that change how you respond to sin?
- How can this group help you stay connected in a relationship with Jesus? Discuss how relationships with other believers contribute to our relationship with Jesus.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for inviting me into a relationship rather than giving me a bunch of rules. I realize that I fall short of the standard. And when I do, help me to recognize that I got out of step with you. As I stay connected to you in relationship, you are at work in me to produce good fruit in my life. I choose to walk by the Spirit daily. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Memorize Galatians 5:22-23
- Give God the first few minutes of your day. Commit to a time. Have a plan. Listen. Write it down.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.