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Section: Doctrine of Sin

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q37. What happened to mankind because of sin?**

After the sin of Adam, all people are guilty: born sinful by nature, enslaved to sin, and practice sin willingly and continually; therefore, all are due the just penalty of God’s perfect wrath.

1. Read the definition of original sin again in the catechism book.Do you understand original sin/ inherited sin?

What does this mean for all humans when we are born?

1. Read Rom. 7:18, Titus 1:15, Jer. 17:9, Eph. 4:18, Isaiah 64:6, Genesis 6:5.

How do these truths of scripture affect the way you love the unsaved?

Why do you think the idea that “people are basically good” is such a popular concept among unbelievers and even some professing believers?

1. Read Luke 18:9-14.

Talk about what the tax collector understood about himself that the Pharisee didn’t?

How does this affect our worship of God and our gospel testimony of Christ?

1. Even though the unsaved are enslaved to their sin, they practice sin willingly and continually. We act out of the desires of our heart. We are either dead in sin or alive in Christ.

Talk about the difference you noticed in your own life to truly obey God instead of choose sin after you were saved?

Talk about why we shouldn’t practice sin willingly and continually any longer.

What are ways we can now fight temptations to do this?

1. Read John 6:44, Matthew 11:27, John 6:63, Romans 6:6, John 1:13, 1 Peter 1:3, John 3:3 & Ezekiel 36:26

Do you see why new birth (regeneration) is needed before someone can repent of their sin and trust their life to Jesus Christ as Lord?

1. Read Romans 5:12-21. What is the good news of God’s grace through Jesus Christ?

Spend time in prayer thanking God for the powerfully good news of the gospel and for continued and growing strength to walk by the Spirit and not by the flesh.