



Satisfaction – Forgiveness – Week 1

Announcements

- **401 Small Group Training** – Sunday, November 24th, 5:00 pm at the Little Creek Campus in Globe 345. This is your opportunity to learn how to help people grow in their relationships with God. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register
- **101 Starting Point** – Sunday, December 1st, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register

Warm-up

What food do you find the most irresistible ? What makes it so hard to resist?

Today we are going to discuss how our disobedience brings separation from God, and how His forgiveness allows us to enter back into a lasting and loving relationship with Him.

Word and Application

Separation from God can create a large void in our lives. What do you think are some of the things people use to try to fill the void in their lives left by this separation from God?

Our greatest need is not filled with possessions or accomplishments but by receiving God's forgiveness.

Read Genesis 3:1-9. Why do you think Adam and Eve engaged in the first game of "hide-and-go-seek"?

Adam and Eve disobeyed God, which brought relational separation from God. Both were filled with shame and guilt, which expressed itself through a desire to hide spiritually and physically from God. Their disobedience to God caused them to lose the proper perspective of who they were in God's eyes – His son and daughter.

We read in Genesis 3:7 that Adam and Eve attempted to cover their sin by physically covering themselves. However, God made it clear their attempts to cover their sin failed. Throughout the Bible we can read how the only thing that cleanses us from sin is shed blood.

Read Genesis 3:21 to find the first example of sacrifice used to cover sin. God made the very first sacrifice to help cover sin. He had to kill an animal to get the skins to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve.

What are some sacrifices you have made for others in order to help them in life (parents, kids, friends, co-workers, etc.)?

Read Romans 5:8. What about this verse sounds risky to you?

Jesus gave his life for us before there was ever a guarantee we would surrender our lives and make him Lord of our lives (Romans 10:9-10). This sacrificial act is what makes Jesus' life the greatest act of compassion and redemption we have ever seen.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. The ultimate sacrifice was when Jesus gave his life on the cross approximately 2,000 years ago.

Do you find it easy or difficult to receive a gift? Why?

The greatest gift we can ever receive is the gift of forgiveness. Do you find it easy or difficult to receive God's forgiveness? Why?

What needs to change in your heart and mind in order for you to be able to get a better grasp on the free gift of forgiveness Jesus wants to give to you?

The greatest satisfaction we can ever receive in our lives is when we receive God's forgiveness and step into an eternity-impacting relationship with Him.

Prayer

Pray for each person to be able to see the God-given dreams in his/her life fulfilled. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.