**On Your Own . . . [11.45am – 12.00pm]**

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One core component of the gospel that people often either don’t understand or angrily reject is the Bible’s teaching about what humanity’s basic problem is. Our fundamental problem is that we are all sinners by nature and by choice, and are therefore subject to the wrath of God.

Take some time to read **ROMANS 3:9-20**. This passage gives us one of the clearest discussions of humanity’s most basic problem**.**

1. According to this passage, how many people are righteous in God’s sight?

2. In verses 11 through 18, Paul gives a number of examples of how we sin. List as many as you can:

3. What does Paul’s extensive catalogue of sins teach us about human nature?

4. In **verse 11**, Paul asserts that “*there is none who seeks after God*” and in **verse 18** Paul finishes his catalogue of sins by saying, “*There is no fear of God before their eyes*”. How do you think these sins relate to all the others Paul mentions?

5. Read **verse 19**. What does it mean “*to be held accountable to/become guilty before God*”? Why will every mouth be stopped?

6. Read **verse 20**. In light of this verse, how would you respond to someone who said, “*I’m generally a pretty good person. I’m sure that God will accept me in the end because I’ve done better than most people”?*

7. Today, many people are of the view that there is no standard of what’s morally right and wrong for all people. They think/say that individual people or cultures simply decide what’s right for them! In light of this passage, how would you respond to someone who believed that?

**Share Your Fruits . . . [12.00pm – 12.15pm]**

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* Share your answers to Q1-7 above
* Recall last lesson’s ***To Do***: *For this coming week, find out what people in your office/school/neighbor think about sin – “In their understanding, what is sin?”* What have you discovered?

**Altogether Now . . . [12.15pm – 12.40pm]**

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* The *essence* of sin
* The *misconceptions* of sin
* The *consequence* of sin

**In Conclusion . . . [12.40pm – 12.45pm]**

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[A] Ponder:

What are some ways that the Bible’s teaching on sin and God’s wrath should impact Shalom Church:

(a) In our corporate worship?

(b) In our preaching?

(c) In our evangelism and discipleship relationships?

[B] Start to . . .

Think of someone who needs to hear the gospel.

Name:

How you are related to this person:

Brief summary of what you know of this person:

Pray for this person this week, that God will use you to share the gospel with him/her.

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Ask your RTBT Group or Care Group to join you in prayer for him/her as well.