

## CONNECTION

- Growing up, what was your view of what 'sin' meant? Where was the word used and how did it make you feel?

## OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

- Romans 1:1 - 7

## EXTRA RESOURCES (to share in your group):

- [The Bible Project | What is SIN | Video](#)
- [Tim Keller | "What is the essence of SIN" | Video](#)

## CONVERSATIONS

- What do you think are the dangers of taking a "fire & brimstone" approach to talking about sin?
- What are the problems of taking a "watered down" approach to the topic of sin?
- How would you explain what the difference between a sin and a mistake is to a non-believer?
- Describe the impact of sin on
  - (i) ourselves,
  - (ii) others and
  - (iii) our relationship with God.
- When we sin, it primarily affects others. Why then is our sin an affront to God?
- Read Romans 1:1 - 6.
  - What are the statements that Paul makes in this passage that indicate that he is claiming that what he writes in this letter is from God himself?
  - Who would we say holds the most authority in our culture today? Where & how did they attain that authority?

- Paul had both imperial (appointment based) and veracious (knowledge / wisdom based) authority. What does this mean for us as Christians when it comes to how we interact with the things that he writes?
- Read Romans 1:7.
  - Why is it important to know that we are 'dearly loved' by God?
  - What does it mean to be a saint?

### RIDGE CHURCH REMINDERS

- Bible in One Year | Join us! (Daily links on website)
- Seniors Social Thurs Feb 17th 1-3pm
- LENT Event | Tues Feb 21st | 6pm | Register online
- RIDGE CHURCH AGM | Sunday Feb 26th (after service)
- HELP | ITEMS NEEDED (for our Syrian Family coming this month!)
  - Laptop
  - Twin Bed/ box spring
  - Bedding (comforter/twin sheets/pillows)
  - Towels
  - Privacy Screen (room divider)
  - Dresser
  - Night stand
  - Lamp
  - Large area rug
- HOUSING | Our Syrian family will need a 3-4 Bedroom Townhouse to Rent.

### PRAYER:

- **PRAY** for high school youth who face bullying, sexual coercion and exposure to dangerous drugs.
- **PRAY** for generosity towards the Refugee Sponsorship Program. That their support (financial, material and friendship) needs would be met.
- **PRAY** that we would be bold and effective witnesses sharing Jesus in our CITY.
- **PRAY** that we would connect with someone new on Sunday mornings and help them feel welcome and KNOWN>