

Silence Breakers

We Reap What We Sow

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To cultivate: To prepare for something to _____.

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. **A man reaps what he sows.** ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **Galatians 6:7-8, NIV**

What have I planted in my past that is growing now?

What am I planting in my life now that I want to grow?

¹ but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. **John 8:1, NIV**

² At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³ The teachers of the law and the Pharisees **brought in a woman caught in adultery.** They made **her stand before the group** ⁴ and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman **was caught in the act of adultery.**" ⁵ In the Law Moses commanded us **to stone such women.** Now what do you say?" **John 8:2-5, NIV**

Jesus, are you going to give me _____?

⁶ They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. **John 8:6, NIV**

Do we truly want _____ for our questions? Or is there a _____ behind the _____?

⁷ When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." **John 8:7, NIV**

When it comes to justice from God, if I am going to try to _____ it, I better be ready to _____ it.

Who does our society want to stone for sexual sin?

⁸ Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ At this, those who heard began **to go away one at a time**, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. **John 8:8-9, NIV**

With sexual sin, never underestimate the power of a _____.

¹⁰ Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. **"Go now and leave your life of sin."** **John 8:10-11, NIV**

With past sexual sins, don't confuse God's _____ with his _____.

¹ Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ² Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:1-2, NIV**

I may have to _____ what I _____, but it is never too late to start _____.

MEMORY VERSE

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. **"Go now and leave your life of sin. John 8:11^b, NIV**

My next step: God has planted his Word in me and it produces faith in my heart. I will cultivate and plant sexual habits that give him glory and are a blessing to me.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

Impact Groups – Silence Breakers

You Reap What You Sow

Getting Started: On a scale of 1-10 how happy are you about Spring Training starting in AZ?

Being Right with God.

Read Psalm 143

This psalm is a penitential psalm. It is one that is used to confess and forgive sins. Read through the psalm together and then take 5 minutes individually and put into your own words what the psalmist is saying in these verses.

v. 1

v. 2

v. 6

v. 8

How does confessing your sin and remembering God's promise of forgiveness help you when you are going through a difficult time?

Back to Sunday

Read: Galatians 6:7-9

Agree or Disagree In day-to-day life a person always reaps what they sow.

A person can get away with some sexual sins. They don't necessarily come back to haunt a person.

What does it mean that God cannot be mocked and a person reaps what they sow in the context of these verses?

Forgiving Sins

Read: John 8:2-11

Sometimes with sins it is helpful to distinguish between forgiveness of sins and consequences of sins. Example: a student athlete drinks alcohol with friends and is caught. He asks his coach to forgive him, and the coach does. The coach also tells him he will be suspended for the next 5 games.

Using the illustration from above, explain how a person who is forgiven also has consequences of sins.

In this lesson a person could argue that Jesus is setting a bad precedent. The person argues, "I don't have a problem forgiving this woman, but the message is being sent that adultery is OK. This woman didn't have to face any consequences." How would you respond?

In this lesson a person could confuse Jesus' patience with his permission. What does this mean?

How does Galatians 6:1 help us understand how to approach individuals who are caught in sexual sin or any type of sin?

Close with Prayer

Fellowship event – If you haven't already, consider a fun event that your group can do together – movie, bowling, other?!?! Plan it today!

Call for help – God has blessed CW Kids with tremendous growth, but we could use more volunteers and subs to help our teachers. There are many ways to help. Stop by the HUB today to see how you can help. Thanks!