

Forgiveness of Sins

SYNOPSIS

Fr. Joseph says what we're all thinking about the hold of sin in our lives. He doesn't stop there, however. This film declares the truth that there is forgiveness of sin for the praise of God's glory.

SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

- † Use this film as part of a night of reconciliation. It will also fit well as a lenten piece or a discussion-starter about sin, grace, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. "I am a sin addict." What does Father mean? Do you think that is a good description? Are you a sin addict? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to "believe in the forgiveness of sin"? Do you believe? How does that influence the way you live your life?
3. Is calling sin a cancer a good description? What makes sin like cancer? What happens if cancer goes untreated? What is the treatment for sin? What happens if sin goes untreated?
4. Father Joseph says when he sins he hears a voice telling him God is sick of him and won't hear his prayers or heal him. Have you ever heard that voice of accusation when you've sinned? Whose voice are you hearing? Why would Satan speak those words to you?
5. Read:

"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it." —Romans 7:15-20

Does this sound familiar? Who wrote this? What do you know about St. Paul? (Leaders, it would be helpful for you to relay his story to impress on the youth the depth of his faith and connection to the Lord. In spite of this, he still struggled with sin.)

RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

We All Sin:

Isaiah 64:6;
Romans 3:23

We Need to Confess Our Sin:

Psalms 32:5;
Proverbs 28:13;
1 John 1:9;
James 4:17; 5:16

Examples of Sin:

Colossians 3:5-6;
Galatians 5:19-21

RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

The Role of Grace and Mercy:

1846-1848

What Is Sin?:

1849-51, 1853

Mortal Sin:

1856-1861

Venial Sin:

1862-1863

Accepting God's Mercy:

1864