

THE PROBLEM OF SIN

Opening dialogue

Based on your observations of the world, do you think most people are basically good or basically bad? Why?

What do you think is the underlying cause of all the suffering in the world? Is it ignorance, intolerance, evil, cultural barriers or something deeper?

Definition

How would you define the word "sin"?

What makes an action "right" or "wrong"? Who has the authority to judge between good and evil (people, God, the government, etc)?

Thoughts from the bible

Read the following passages as a group: Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 5:12; Romans 3:10-12, 23; Revelation 21:8.

According to the Bible, are people basically good or basically bad? Do you agree?

According to the Bible, what are the consequences of sin? Do you agree?

Question to ponder

Assuming everybody is a sinner and sin destroys our relationship with God, do you think there is any hope for us?