

## **Adult Devotion: The Problem of Sin**

**Materials:** Journal or writing paper, Bible, pen

**Introduction:** “Sin”...a little word that represents a BIG problem! Sin can be described as willfully breaking God’s laws. We know that God doesn’t want us to do things like lie, cheat, or disrespect others, but now and then we find ourselves doing just that! The Apostle Paul put it this way in Romans 7:15:

*I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.*  
Is there anything that can be done about the problem of sin? During the next three weeks of the Awesome Journey, we’ll be learning more about the sin predicament and how our need for a Savior changes everything!

It may be helpful for this study to write down the following scripture reading and questions before journaling your thoughts on paper.

**God made us with purpose.** After reading the scriptures, fill in each blank with an appropriate response:

God made us so He could \_\_\_\_\_ us.

- Jeremiah 31:3
- Ephesians 1:4-5

We were created to enjoy a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with God and to \_\_\_\_\_ all of the rest of God’s creation.

- Genesis 1:27-28
- 1 Timothy 6:17
- John 10:10

**Humankind has a natural tendency to control the environment around them and ignore God’s principles for living:**

- ▶ Looking out for number one. Doing your own thing.
- ▶ If it feels good, do it – regardless of what God says about it.
- ▶ It’s my life and I’ll have it my way and do as I please.

This is a selfish attitude that the Bible calls \_\_\_\_\_.

- Isaiah 53:6
- 1 John 1:8

**Human sin breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.**

- Isaiah 59:2
- Romans 3:23
- 1 John 1:8-10

**When our relationship to God is not right, it causes problems in every area of our lives:**

- ▶ Marriages
- ▶ Family (children)
- ▶ Career
- ▶ Friendships
- ▶ Co-workers

The best way to deal with life and the problem of sin is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- Proverbs 16:3
- Psalm 37:3-6

During the next Awesome Journey Devotion, we'll discover how to repair the relationship rift between God and mankind originated by sin. This week reflect on the problem of sin in your own life, how this affects your relationship with the Lord, and pray as the Spirit gives you guidance. For further discussion or prayer, don't hesitate to reach out to your mentor or pastor.