

The Outlaw Way

Small Group Guide

Week 1: Everyone has a Void

Series: The Outlaw Way is a 4-week series where we will look at the Roman Road to Salvation. Our memory verse for this series is Romans 1:16. Our culture tells us that we are just fine the way we are and if we need anything it is to be found within ourselves. God's word tells us that we are in need of a savior and that the gift of Jesus is eternal life.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes. Romans 1:16a

Scripture: Romans (Roman Road to Salvation)

Small Group Goal: To help students understand that they need a savior, and that savior is Jesus

Sermon Summary: **POINT 1: YOU HAVE BEEN LIED TO**

Our culture tells you "You are perfect just the way you are." And if anyone says anything that suggests you are not perfect as you are, they This is a lie. You are not perfect just the way you are. However, instead of this being hurtful or harmful, hearing this can be freeing and healing.

POINT 2: YOU ARE NOT OKAY

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23

Sin = Any failure to conform to the Moral Law of God in Act, Attitude, or Nature

When God created the world, he designed it to operate in a particular way. He put laws and rules in place for how we are to relate to one another and to Him

POINT 3: SIN CAUSES DEATH

God created us as relational beings. We were designed to be in relationships, both with Him and with each other.

This is why sin is so bad. Sin harms these relationships.

So what happens when you live with this emptiness and don't know that only God can fill it? We try to fill it with other things. The problem with all of this is that none of it works. When God is the only thing that can make you feel whole, nothing else will work. Go look at people who achieved whatever it is you think will make you feel okay. They are all miserable.

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Small Group Questions: Below are some topics to guide your discussion and sample questions. You know your students best. What questions can guide them through these ideas to a better understanding of God and a clear next step for themselves?

- 1) *What does it mean to acknowledge our own shortcomings and mistakes?*
- 2) *What does the Bible teach us about our need for a Savior?*
- 3) *How does sin separate us from a holy God?*
- 4) *Why is it important to acknowledge our own sinfulness before God?*
- 5) *Can you explain the significance of God's grace in the process of salvation?*
- 6) *What does it mean to repent and turn away from a life of sin?*
- 7) *How does confessing Jesus as Lord transform our lives and priorities?*
- 8) *Can you describe the importance of confessing our sins to God?*
- 9) *How does God's forgiveness impact our ability to forgive others?*
- 10) *What does it mean to be adopted into God's family through faith in Jesus?*
- 11) *How do we respond to those who believe that salvation can be earned through good deeds?*
- 12) *What does it mean to be a new creation in Christ, and how does it impact our identity?*
- 13) *How does our faith in Jesus Christ empower us to overcome challenges and temptations?*
- 14) *Can you describe a personal experience of God's transformative power in your life?*
- 15) *How does faith in Jesus provide comfort and strength in times of trials and tribulations?*
- 16) *What practices or disciplines help us grow in our relationship with God?*
- 17) *Can you share a story of a time when you experienced God's guidance and direction?*
- 18) *How do we cultivate a heart of gratitude and worship in response to God's grace?*
- 19) *How do we navigate cultural or societal beliefs that may conflict with biblical truth?*
- 20) *What practices or habits help us maintain a vibrant and growing faith?*