



Icebreaker: What's the best picture you've ever taken on vacation?

John 1:29 Look, the lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Conversation Starters (Pick one or two topics or questions to begin, you will not have time for all the questions.)

1. People magazine created a Sindex. Cutting in line was in the middle - on a scale of 1-10 it was rated around 5. Cutting in line was ranked worse than pornography, divorce, gossip and premarital sex. Do you have a SINDEX?
2. Ranking and comparing sins is a misunderstanding of our problem with sin. Do you agree with this or disagree? Why? Jeff said, "When we minimize the seriousness of sin, we diminish our need for a savior." What is at work if this is true? What is the correlation?

3. **Have someone read Jeremiah 2:22**

Although you wash yourself with soap
and use an abundance of cleansing powder,
the stain of your guilt is still before me, declares the Sovereign Lord.

The prophet Jeremiah says we can't wash away or rub out the stain of our guilt and sin. Have you ever tried? What did that look like?

We convince ourselves that we can manage our sin, in fact most of us think we are better at managing our sin than other people are at managing their sin. Have you noticed this in yourself? In other people? LOL

4. Jeff taught that God is serious about sin - but he's even more serious about saving us from slavery to sin. He said the story of the Passover is a great illustration of this. God's judgment for sin passes over us by Jesus' blood. The yoke of slavery is removed. Jesus' blood spiritually covers us.
5. What do you know about the Passover story? What do you think about this idea that this story demonstrates God's determination to save His people? The story is found in the Book of Exodus beginning in Chapter 12.
6. The Passover is a metaphor for the cross. In a sense the cross is our passover in that it protects us from death - the consequence of sin. How does this metaphor impact your understanding of the cross? What new questions come to mind?
7. The Passover was the entrance to the exodus of God's people - the beginning of their journey to new life and a new land where they would become God's people. How might the exodus be a metaphor for Jesus' resurrection in your life?