

The Gospel of Mark

Home Group Discussion Guide

The Unforgivable Sin

Mark 3:20-30

ICEBREAKER: What is the secret to being content in all circumstances?

OVERVIEW: Believe it or not, the Bible says there is a sin that is unforgivable. What is it? How do you know if you've committed it? The unforgivable sin is rejecting the Holy Spirit's revelation of Christ to You. Let's dig deeper and learn more.

1. Read Mark 3:20-30. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is sin? Are you a sinner? Explain.
3. The New Testament uses several Greek words for sin. Explain ONE of the following (Bonus points if you do them all!).
 - *Hamartano* — falling short
 - *Hamartano* — missing the mark
 - *Hamartia* — break God's law
 - *Paraptoma* — trespass; transgress; to step outside the bounds

4. How do we know that the unforgivable sin is not the following? Choose one.
 - Murder
 - Adultery
 - Suicide
 - Denying Christ (see Matthew 10:32-33)
 - Grieving the Holy Spirit (see Ephesians 4:30)
 - Quenching the Holy Spirit (see 1 Thessalonians 5:19)
5. John 16:8 says that the Holy Spirit's work is to reveal Christ. What is total depravity, and why do we need the Holy Spirit to reveal Christ to us? (See Ephesians 2:1-3 and Ephesians 4:17-19.)
6. The unforgivable sin is rejecting the Holy Spirit's revelation of Christ to you. How were the teachers of religious law in Mark 3 committing this sin?
7. In the sermon it was said, "People don't reject Christ for lack of evidence, but for lack of sin." Do you agree? Explain. If the scribes in Mark 3 who encountered Christ in person still rejected Him, how does that impact the way you think about evangelism?
8. How do you know if you have committed the unforgivable sin?
9. What can you do if you are afraid you have committed the unforgivable sin?

The Last Word: God gives us just enough light so that those who really want to find Him can, but no so much light that those who don't really want to find Him don't have to. — Pascal