

## Convinced of our Wretchedness

In a world that pushes the message "I am enough", the truth of our wretchedness confronts us with our need of God's grace. With God's grace we can live on the basis of relationship, not rules.

Do I live by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

We have \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ through Christ in order to bear \_\_\_\_\_.

Bearing \_\_\_\_\_ is a result of living in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is the purpose of the Law?

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The practical presence of sin reveals the battle between the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

I must be \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of my sin.

My \_\_\_\_\_ is defeated by the person, \_\_\_\_\_!!!

# Discussion Questions

## Getting Started

The word “wretchedness” can often cause us to recoil and defend ourselves. We don’t like being told that we don’t measure up. However, this truth reveals our need for God’s grace. Share with the group how God’s grace has freed you from your sin.

Why is it freeing to be honest about our wretchedness, convinced of the freedom we have in Christ?

## Digging Deeper

Paul shares the reality of his Christian life. His flesh was present and led to him doing things he didn’t want to do or not doing what he wanted to do. Read Romans 7:13-25. How does Paul’s candor encourage you?

Paul writes in Ephesians that we are in a spiritual battle. In Ephesians 6:11-17, Paul tells us to prepare for this battle by putting on the whole armor of God. “Put on” is a daily task to prepare for the battles of that day. How does the armor of God prepare you for battle?

## Applying the Word to Life

If we live by relationship instead of rules, the question we must ask is how do we build a relationship. The answer to this question can often result in a list. But this list is not a to do list that we can check off boxes and say I did \_\_\_\_\_ and now I have a relationship. Time and effort to get to know the person are needed to grow a relationship. How are prayer, time in God’s Word and Worship vital to growing a deeper relationship with Christ? (Psalm 1, Psalm 8, Psalm 34:1-3, Eph. 6:18)