

BASICS

BAD WORDS: SIN, TRANSGRESSION, INIQUITY

Sin is a failure to fulfill a goal. What is the goal according to the biblical narrative in the scriptures?

Talk about and describe how failing to honor God is deeply connected to failing to honor people? Can you think of personal examples? Examples from what's going on in the world today?

The video shows that many people in the biblical narrative don't know that their failing (sinning) or worse, they think they're succeeding, but aren't. In those examples there are various means of "justifying" one's actions as good, but are really quite bad. Can you think of personal examples? Examples from current events today?

Why are humans such bad judges between moral failure and success?

READ 1 Peter 2:22-25 and discuss the implications of what Peter is saying to us.

Discuss the idea of transgression (pasha) as violating a relationship of trust with another person. Has this happened to you? Have you done this to others? What can we do to take this more seriously so we don't treat fellow humans with treachery and falsehood?

READ Romans 5:15. Talk about the idea that God's response to humanity's pasha and paraptoma (transgressions) is to be trustworthy on our behalf.

The word avon means "to be bent" or "crooked." This is how the prophets describe humanity's behavior in terms of violating the covenant to only worship God (and not idols). The video says that this scenario describes something that's supposed to be level or even, such as your choices or your conscience, as being bent out of shape or distorted.

READ Isaiah 53:11-12. This passage illustrates and "suffering servant" who will embody God's love by "carrying the avon of many." Discuss what this means.