

“Meeting God in Sin”



Open It:

- Share about a time that changed your perception and caused you to see the world differently. Greg referred to it as a “wake up and smell the pavement” moment.
- Have you ever been hurt by someone who was more honest than you expected?
- What’s the most challenging feedback you’ve ever received? Why?

Read It:

- 📖 Proverbs 26:14
- 📖 Romans 3:23
- 📖 Romans 5:8
- 📖 Romans 6:23
- 📖 Romans 10:9

Explore It:

- Would you call yourself a “spiritual slob?” Why do you feel this way?
- In the message, Greg’s friend says, “You won’t amount to much in life, you’ll just function.” What’s the danger of living a “functional” life versus a purposeful, God-centered life?
- What spiritual disciplines do you practice? And how regularly do you practice them? (At BPF we call them “Rhythms and Practices.” They include: worship, daily devotion, prayer, community, serving, repentance, share your story, rest, celebration)
- What is your biggest distraction from these rhythms and practices?
 - How could you say “No” to these distractions and make time for God?

- Proverbs 26:14 compares laziness to a door swinging on its hinges. What does this image teach us about the danger of being spiritually or personally lazy?
- How do laziness and apathy creep into our lives and how do we guard against them?
- When have you tried to rescue yourself or fix yourself? How'd that go?



Romans 3:23 says that we all need Jesus because our sin separates us from God. When was the first moment that you recognized your need for Jesus?

- When was the most recent time you knew you needed Jesus?



What does Romans 5:8 speak about how God loves us?

- What does this say about our tendency to try to “earn” God’s love?
- Romans 6:23 makes it clear that eternal life in Jesus is truly a gift that cannot be earned. Why do you think this truth matters?



Read Romans 10:9 again and notice that it emphasizes confession and belief. Why do you think both speaking and believing are important in salvation?

- How does public confession strengthen both the individual and the church community?
- When is the last time you made a public confession of your faith
 - Is there another public space where you think your confession/story would be heard?

Do It:

- What sin do you sense God may be meeting you in right now? How will you respond?
- What will you do this week to take a small step toward stronger practice of spiritual rhythms/disciplines? (prayer, Bible, community, service, rest, etc.)
- What practical step will you take this week to confess and deal with sin rather than hiding it?
- How might you encourage someone else who is stuck in “functional faith” to experience real transformation?
- What does it look like for you personally to live out the reality from Romans 10:9 confessing and believing daily?