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GENESIS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

THE BIG IDEA

The Double Standard of Man

Sunday, January 15, 2023

THE BIBLE - Genesis 38

QUESTIONS

1. Vs. 1-5 – Sexual desire is one of Satan's most successful strategies. He has used this tool for generations to lure people away from God. How do we see how this type of sin has impacted Judah and his family? In order to reduce the likelihood of being tempted and succumbing to Satan's trap, what are some "guardrails" that believers can implement in their lives that will help prevent falling victim to Satan's trap?
2. Vs. 6-10 - It was the custom of the day that when a man died, his brother was to marry his widow to raise up an heir for the deceased brother. What was Onan's response? It appears Onan was willing to take part in the physical aspect of this custom but not the "responsibility" portion. What other examples in Scripture show us where individuals accept the physical/pleasure part but not the responsibility part of a situation? What about in today's times?
3. Vs. 11-23 – What is a double standard? Do double standards still exist today? What do we see here about Judah's double-standard?
4. Vs. 24-30 – What word did Judah receive about three months later regarding his double standard? What was his response? Why is it so easy for us to resort to this practice? How can we best overcome the practice of downplaying our sin as compared to another's?

FURTHER STUDY NUGGETS

- Read II Samuel 12:1-7. Describe how this situation accurately illustrates a double standard.
- Read Matthew 1:3 and Luke 3:33. What are your thoughts concerning finding Perez in the genealogy of Jesus? What attribute(s) of God does this illustrate?

THE FIVE

5 Verses For Discussion During Week

(Discipleship partner, around dinner table, on way to school in car, etc)



Monday
II Timothy 2:22

Tuesday
Galatians 5:19-21

Wednesday
Galatians 6:7,8

Thursday
I Corinthians 6:18

Friday
Psalm 119:9

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: 1 Corinthians 10:31

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."