

Sermon-Based Discussion Questions

What Is Wrong with Me?

Romans 5:12-21

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EFCA Statement of Faith, Article 3: “We believe that God created Adam and Eve in His image, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.”

1. Who are some of the people—good or bad—you think deserve to be on the list of the *100 People Who Changed the World*? What makes these people world-changers?
2. What are some ways that people today might define *sin*? Can you think of other passages in Scripture that help to form a definition of what sin is?
3. What difference do you think it makes whether or not Adam and Eve were real? What might we lose if think of them as mythological characters? Does it make a difference knowing that Jesus and the authors of Scripture spoke of Adam and Eve as historical figures?
4. Read Romans 5:12, 18-19. How would you explain in your own words what happened to humanity when Adam sinned? Does this seem fair?
5. Read Article 3 above. Why might it be helpful to understand that “In union with Adam human beings are sinners by nature and by choice”?
6. Read Romans 5:13-21. What hope do these verse give to those who understand the reality of death? What confidence do these verse give to those who understand their own unrighteousness before God?

