

SESSION 2 (Solo): MAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM (Ephesians 2 v 1-3)

BIG IDEA:

Our biggest problem in life is that we are all sinners, spiritually dead and facing God's deserved anger.

How long you spend going through this study with the teenager next time you meet up will depend on their experience of Bible reading, general ability, and commitment. Since this is the first one, it's worth checking they've understood and answered each question from the passage (churched teenagers particularly like to pluck the "right answer" from their minds rather than actually looking at the passage!). Go through together any answers which they've put a "?" next to. And check that they've grasped the Big Idea. Again, it's important to offer lots of encouragement and praise; this may be the first Bible study they've ever done on their own.

GUIDANCE FOR QUESTIONS:

2. Without a diagnosis, you can't understand why you need the cure, or why it's great news that there *is* a cure!
4. Dead
5. "Transgressions and sins". Simply put, these mean the same thing—falling short of God's standards.
6. Objects of wrath.
7. We are all facing God's anger because of our sin.
8. Because it means we are sinners, and we are spiritually dead. We cannot enjoy eternal life in God's perfect world under Christ's loving rule (see Session One).
9. No. We are all sinners, rebels.