

## **DBC Lent Readings: WEEK 1 – THE PROBLEM**

We start our Lent Readings considering “the problem of sin”, may seem a strange and negative place to start. However, to be able to consider the wonder of what Jesus has done by dying on the cross, and returning to life again, we need to reflect of “the problem” He gave a solution to.

The word “sin” is not a word that is in common use today. The core of the meaning of the word is, “to miss the mark” – God’s mark, God’s standard, which is perfection and purity. The failure of mankind to adhere to this standard goes all the way back to the beginning of time, when Adam disobeyed God’s simple command. The consequences of that, is still with us and all mankind today.

### **22 Feb – Isaiah 59 v 2 – Separation from God**

“But your iniquities (sins) have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

QU What difference does being “separated” from God make?

QU Is it a place you want to be?

### **23 Feb - Romans 3 v 23 – short of God’s glory**

“ ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ...”

QU Who are included in the “all”? ... can you name them?

QU What is “God’s glory” that all “fall short” of? ... does this matter?

### **24 Feb - John 3 v 36 – God’s anger**

“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son (Jesus) will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on him.”

QU What does the phrase “will not see life” mean? ... short term? long term?

QU Why would God’s “wrath” remain on someone?

### **25 Feb – Romans 5 v 6 – powerless to solve the problem**

“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly”

QU Why are we “powerless” to solve the problem on our own?

QU Who were being called the “ungodly”?