

1. Have you ever been required to share bad news with someone? What about sharing it was hard? What made you follow through?
2. Read Romans 3:9. What is the state of mankind described by Paul in this verse? What does that mean? Why does he choose a singular expression of the word "sin"? What do we know from Genesis 3:6–7 that helps us make sense of this current state?
3. Read Romans 1:21–32 and Romans 3:10–18. In what ways have Gentiles and Jews alike been given over to sin? How does Paul demonstrate what he claims in Romans 3:10? Why was it important for the Jews to realize that sin was not just a Gentile problem? How do today's Christians sometimes slip into thinking like the 1st Century Jews in this matter?
4. Read Romans 3:19. What do we know from the first three chapters of Romans that demonstrate why "the whole world may be held accountable to God"?
5. Read Romans 3:20. What can humanity do about their current state? Given your answer to the first question, what, then, is the purpose of the law?
6. As a group, take a few moments to rehearse the first plot point of our series. "God sets the mark." Remind each other of what it means and see if anyone has memorized Romans 1:20. If anyone has, give them a chance to share it!
7. Then, go ahead and rehearse the second plot point and commit it to memory. Read the key verses out loud and commit them to memory this week as well.
8. Once you've done that, pair off and explain to each other in your own words the first and second plot points in "The Story We Tell," acting as if your partner had no idea what they were. Use the Scripture you've already memorized and the key verses for today as well. Then, come back together as a large group and share your experience. Coach each other on what you found helpful and challenging as you attempted to share the story.
9. Spend your last minutes praying for each other and for those on your "Who's Your One?" list.