

An Exploration of Forgiveness – Lent 2015

Week 2: Sin is a contraction, a narrowing, and as such violates the fundamental orientation of every aspect of creation and the whole of creation...which is to expand...to grow...to become. Sin always limits and confines the natural God-Given exuberance of His creation. This limiting of what should be infinite affects the breadth of our thoughts. It restricts our feelings and concentrates them in harmful ways. It contracts our senses...we only see and hear certain things unwilling to see or hear other things that may be essential. Then what we might or should do constricts because we have limited the resources we are drawing upon, i.e. our thoughts and feelings. Again, sin is about falsehood; it is a lie.

There is real value (probably some discomfort as well) in exploring our own experience of sin ... specifically what real impact it has.

And so this week's Conversation continues:

As I reflect on my experience of sin I think that the impact my sin has on me is:

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I think that the impact my sin may have on others and the world around me might be:

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As someone who experiences the sin of another person, i.e. you are sinned against, what impact do you believe their sin has on you:

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As you view or experience another person "sinning" what do you think is the impact their sin has on them:

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As you view or experience another person "sinning" what do you think is the impact their sin has on others and the world around them:

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Again, please tear off your responses and place them in the offertory basket...no names please! I will carefully read your responses and use them to guide our continued exploration.