

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: I can defeat sin with God's help.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 3:1-19

Galatians 3:1-3

Romans 6:1-7

Colossians 3:9-10

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Genesis 1:27

Who gave people identity, and what was at the center of that identity?

Genesis 3:1-19

How did peoples' center of identity change?

Why hide? Did the hiding work?

What were the consequences of the identity change?

Do any of the consequences match your experience in life?

Galatians 3:1-3

Who was portrayed to the Galatians?

Who did they receive and why?

Under whose power did they begin?

What changed?

Romans 6:1-7

When we put our faith in Christ, what happened to our old self?

To what extent has Jesus freed us from sin? (6:6-7)

Is the new life now or in the future? (6:4-5, 11)

Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 2; 2 Corinthians 1:1;

Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:2

What does Paul call the people of these five churches?

Did they have sin issues?

Why does Paul address them in this way?

Colossians 3:9-10

Which ID do you carry – the old self or the new self?

Which image does God want you to see in the mirror?

How would this effect the way you live?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Tell God where you get stuck in self-centeredness.

Praise Jesus for freeing you from sin.

Pray that you will see yourself as God sees you.

Pray for trust in God as you live out your new identity.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ ROMANS 8:1

Look up "condemnation" in the dictionary.

When was the last time you condemned someone?

You must do a somersault each time you say "no" tonight.

READ ROMANS 8:2

What two kinds of law are there?

Draw two pictures, each a picture of a world that lives by one of the two laws.

READ ROMANS 8:5-9

What are the two different ways we can live?

Have a partner dancing contest.

First try dancing "back to back" and then dance facing each other.

READ ROMANS 8:11

What has God promised us because of Jesus?

Make a list of things you hope to be.

READ ROMANS 8:12-14

What happens when we focus on ourselves?

What happens when we trust God to lead us?

Set up an obstacle course

and take a blindfolded "trust walk".

MEMORY VERSE:

Humble _____, _____,
under _____,
that _____ may _____ you _____ in _____ time.
Cast _____ on _____
_____ for _____.

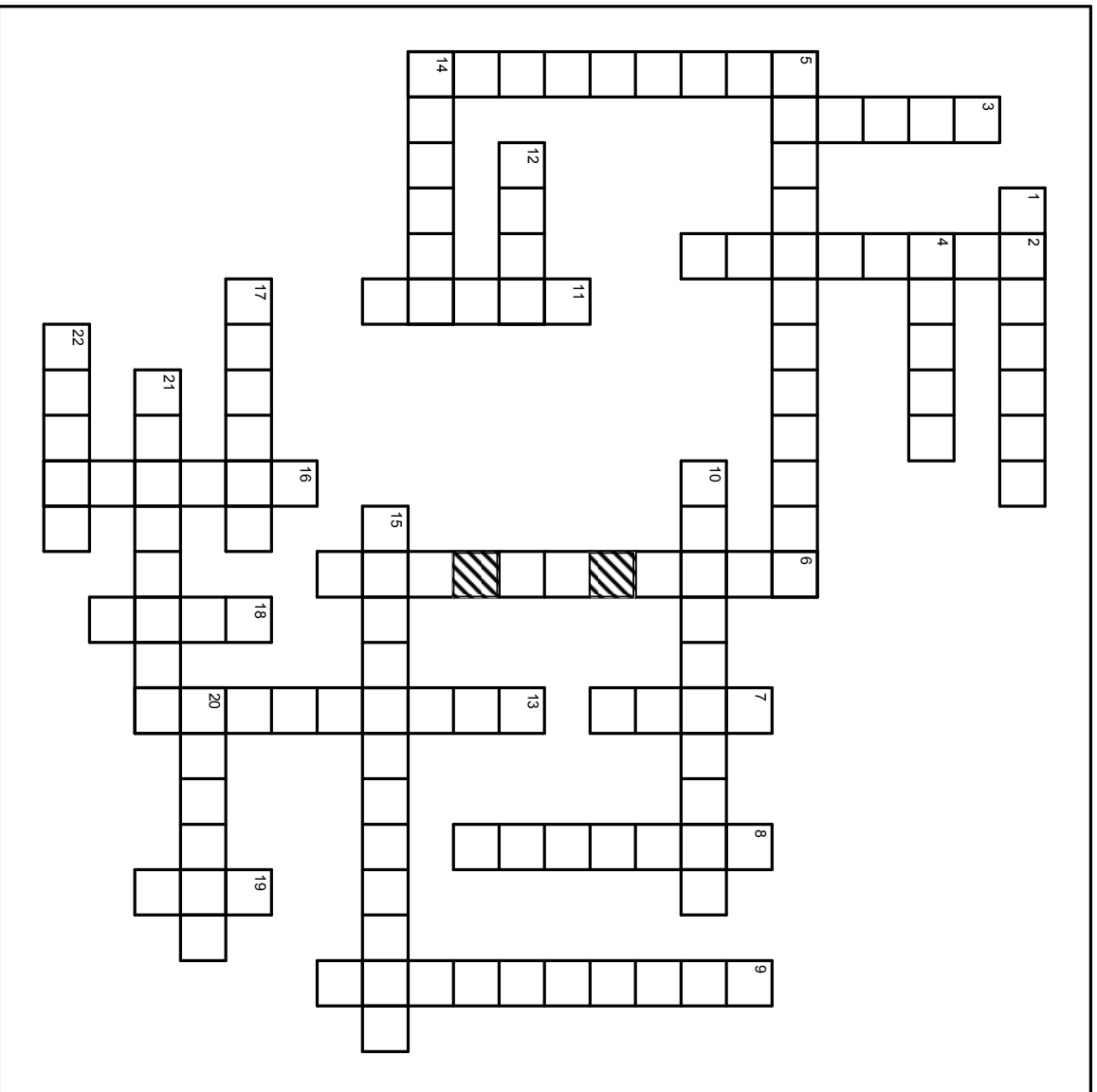
1 Peter 5:6&7 (NIV)

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God Takes My Sin

All clues are from the NIV version of the Bible.



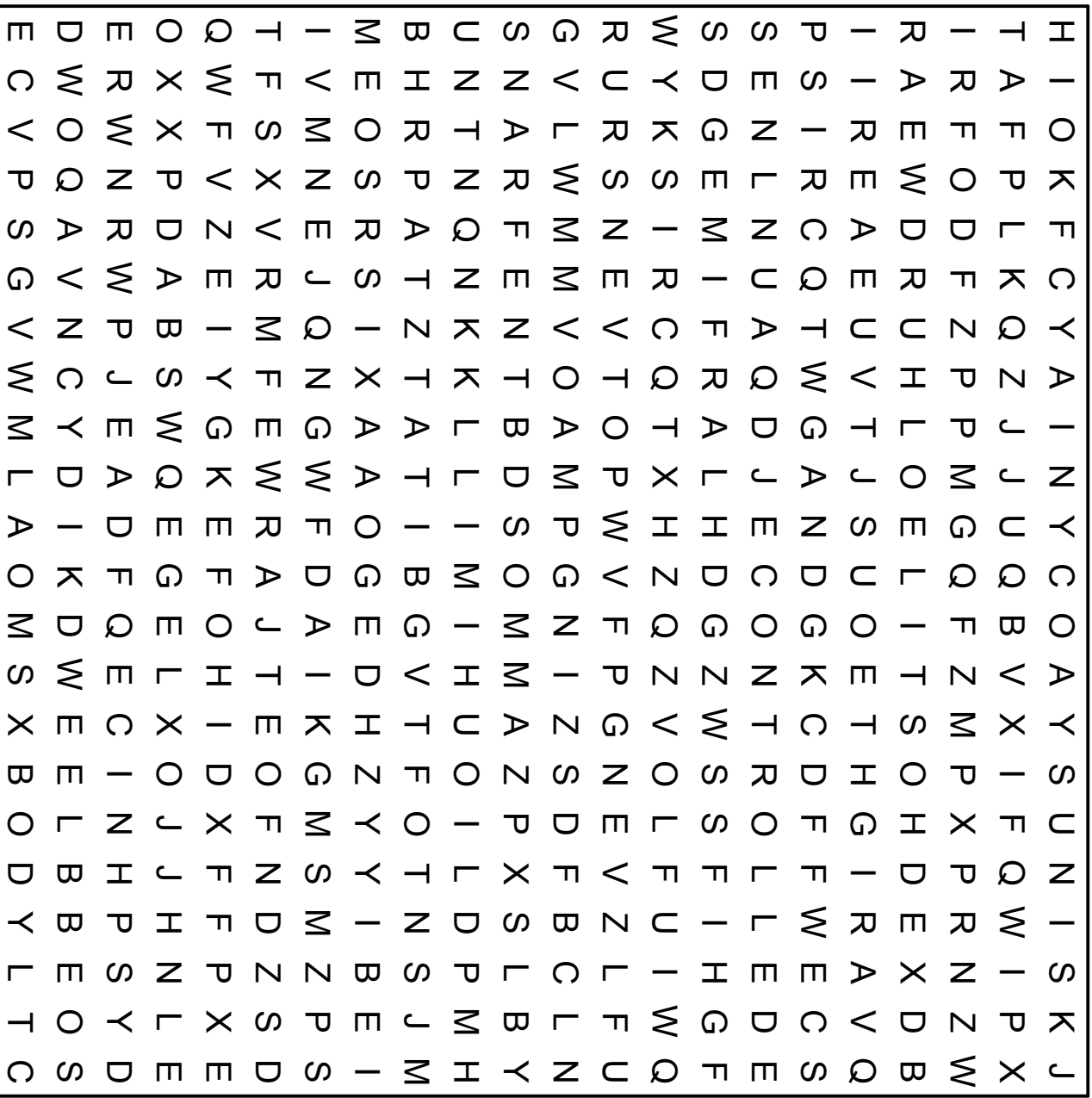
Across

1. angry & against (Romans 8:7)
4. totally (Romans 8:4)
5. things that must be met (Romans 8:4)
10. led by (Romans 8:8)
12. God's spirit brings this (Romans 8:2)
14. willingly obey (Romans 8:7)
15. guilt and its consequences (Romans 8:1)
17. the physical part which would die (Romans 8:11)
20. if we don't have this we don't belong to Christ (Romans 8:9)
21. another word for sin (Romans 8:13)
22. thoughts (Romans 8:5)

Down

2. what Jesus came to be (Romans 8:3)
3. the Spirit brings this and life (Romans 8:6)
5. God-like (Romans 8:4)
6. what we are if we are led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
7. our physical being (Romans 8:10)
8. wants (Romans 8:5)
9. duty (Romans 8:12)
11. opposite of life (Romans 8:2)
13. incapable (Romans 8:3)
16. lifted up (Romans 8:11)
18. loose (Romans 8:2)
19. something that is wrong (Romans 8:2)

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condemnation

sin

death

free

life

offering

powerless

requirements

righteous

fully

minds

desires

peace

hostile

submit

controlled

Spirit

body

raised

mortal

obligation

misdeeds

sons of God

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FUYLL -----

EATDH -----

OLPSRESEW -----

EORNGFIF -----

TRISPI -----

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