



CONNECT

A guilty conscience can lead people to do strange things for relief. What have you seen a guilty conscience lead people to do? Share a time you dealt with lingering guilt.

REVIEW

This week, we talked about four tests that reveal our character. Do you think these tests are helpful or unhelpful? Why or why not?

Share a time when you experienced the test of injustice. Did you “pass” or “fail”? What did it reveal about your character?

Share a time when you experienced the test of suffering. Did you “pass” or “fail”? What did it reveal about your character?

Share a time when you experienced the test of helping others. Did you “pass” or “fail”? What did it reveal about your character?

Share a time when you experienced the test of money. Did you “pass” or “fail”? What did it reveal about your character?

How does God use guilt over what we have done in the past to develop character in our lives? How does Satan attempt to use that guilt?



STUDY

We’ve all heard the quote that “insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Part of “leaving our Egypt (our past) behind” is committing to new behaviors aimed at new results and growth. Read through Proverbs 2:1-15 and write down anything that could help break the cycle of repeating old behaviors, or help you let go of the past. Then answer the following questions.

- What does this passage say about what it means to fear the Lord?
- What description of God’s protection is given for those who follow him?

Read Isaiah 6:1-7. What is the difference between “guilt” and “sin”? How did God take care of Isaiah’s guilt? As Christians, how does God take care of our guilt?

APPLY

One of the remarkable things about God is the way he sees his children despite the sin of their past. What do the following Scriptures teach us about God’s view of sin and forgiveness, and how does that differ from or affirm your own view?

- *Psalm 103*
- *2 Corinthians 5:17-21*
- *Colossians 2:13-14*

After reading these verses, how would you describe God’s forgiveness to a friend or co-worker?