

Sunday, November 15, 2020
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“The Slippery Slope”

Ezra 9:1-5

Today’s BIG IDEA:

The slippery slope of sin always leads to suffering, and the only exit ramp is repentance.

1. The _____ of sin in the camp (v.1-2)

- God did not forbid the children of Israel from intermarrying with the people of the land because of the _____ of their skin; he forbid it because of the _____ of their heart.

2. The _____ of sin in the camp (v.1-2)

A. _____: Boundaries are pushed, and _____ is ignored (v.1)

B. _____: Standards are adjusted for the sake of _____ (v.2a)

C. _____: Leaders lack _____ and model worldliness instead (v.2b)

D. _____: Sin is swept under the rug without _____ (v.2a)

3. The _____ response to sin in the camp (v.3-5)

A. _____ and _____ (v.3)

B. _____ to the _____ (v.4)

C. _____ down before God (v.5)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In what categories of sin do you find it easier to compromise? What makes these sins so hard to resist?
2. Pastor Matt explained that the same pattern of sin that exists in Ezra 9 can be found elsewhere in Scripture (i.e., Adam and Eve [Genesis 3] and King Solomon [1 Kings 11]). Can you think of any other biblical examples that fit this pattern? How have you seen this pattern in your own life?
3. Does Ezra’s response to the sin of the people seem a bit extreme to you? Why was he so upset? How does his response compare with our typical response to our sin?