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The Cure
Numbers 21:5-9; John 3:14-21

What is the essential problem the world faces? _____

What is the disease?

What is the cure?

I. The Curse and the Cure in the Old Testament.

Numbers 21:5-9 *And the people spoke against God and Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this miserable food." 6 And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 So the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD and you; intercede with the LORD, that He may remove the serpents from us." And Moses interceded for the people. 8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a standard; and it shall come about, that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, he shall live." 9 And Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on the standard; and it came about, that if a serpent bit any man, when he looked to the bronze serpent, he lived.*

- Cycle of sin and repentance
- Root of all sin – _____
- Wages of sin – _____

II. The Curse and the Cure in Jesus.

John 3:14-17 *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him."*

Essential Ideas:

1. God created you good.
2. You have a problem you can't fix.
3. The cross is the cure

Point:

What does this mean for us? For the world?

1. The root cause of our problem is _____.
2. The cure is to trust in God's _____ to give and sustain life.

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What do you think are the problems you face in life? What do you think are the problems the world faces?
2. What is the essence of these problems?
3. How are these problems seen reflected in the cross of Christ?
4. What does the cross mean to you?
5. How can the grace represented in the cross of Christ answer the deepest problems of your life? How can grace answer the deepest problems of the world?



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