

Losing Your Religion #4 :: Unfair and Uncomfortable {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Every religion recognizes our failures. In fact, we can label our failures as "mistakes," but there's no denying that everyone falls short. Maybe it's unfair that we don't measure up, but it's true. Maybe it's uncomfortable that we needed help to get out of our mess, but it's true. The reality is this – we live in a broken world, and we're a part of it. So what did God do about it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. We constantly think about our finances . . . our relationships . . . our futures. But how often does our sinfulness show up on our radar?
- 2. What is your first response when hearing "You are a sinner"?
- 3. Why does being considered a "sinner" seem so harsh, yet "making mistakes" such a normal part of life?
- 4. What is the grandest act of sacrifice anyone has ever done for you?
- 5. Read Romans 5:6-8. The apostle Paul writes about ungodly people, righteous people, and good people. Which category would you place yourself in?
- 6. It's uncomfortable to think that someone had to pay for our sin. But it's the truth. God did something for us by sending his son. What is keeping you from putting your faith and confidence in Christ as your Savior?

MOVING FORWARD

We live in a world where the effects of sin are visible everywhere. *Nobody's perfect, right?* As a result, we start to think that sin is normal. But that was never God's design. He never intended for us to experience such brokenness and pain. So into this world God sent his son . . . to bring us back to him.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8