



# Seventh Day Adventist Church Inter-European Division

## **Sabbath School Ministry**

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

*Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.*

**Lesson no.:** 03

**14 - 20 October 2017**

**Title:**

**The Human Condition**

**Key texts:**

***Romans 1:16-17, 22-32 & 2:1-10, 17-24 & 3:1-2, 10-18, 23.***

### **A. Themes to Explore:**

1. We are all infected by the same virus: sin! No-one can escape or get away from it.
2. Sin has created decay, corruption and lack of spiritual, moral and intellectual power in everyone.
3. Since we can do nothing about this, God provided the remedy: the salvation declared in the Gospel – for those who believe.
4. The challenge is to have faith and to sow, preach, teach, testify and nourish it.

### **B. Learning Objectives\***

**Know:** Recognise the universality of the fall: sin and the death sentence have come to everyone.

**Feel:** Feel the absolute and total lack of ability to save ourselves, the profound separation from God that each of us experiences.

**Do:** Be on our guard against every philosophy that proposes any *human* possibility to improve and gain victory over sin.

### **C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony\*\***

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
  - 1a. Why is it, that even though the way of salvation is so simple and logical many go astray?
  2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
    - 2a. Sin produces degradation on many fronts: how many and which of these are listed in Romans 1 and 2?
    - 2b. Why is the only way out through repentance and faith?
  3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
    - 3a. What elements and behaviours demonstrate to believers that there is no distinction between sin and decay?
  4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
    - 4a. How can we promote and facilitate repentance?

### **NOTES:**

\* Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).

\*\* To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.

\*\*\* The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.