

Taking It Home:

- As the father of lies, Satan loves to take advantage of seasons of doubt and discouragement to discredit the work God is doing in a believer (John 8:44). How can today's lesson help you combat the enemy's lies including that as a believer you may have blasphemed the Spirit?

- In talking about the Holy Spirit, John MacArthur comments, "He wants to move you along a path to ever increasing holiness." When you put out the fire (quench) of the Holy Spirit's work of moving you away from Sin and toward the Father, you grieve the Holy Spirit. See 1 Thessalonians 4:19; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 7:51. How is this different than blaspheming the Holy Spirit?

- Are there areas in your life you need to confess and return to allowing the Holy Spirit to move you toward increasing holiness?

- Jesus is clear that eternal damnation is a reality for those who do not believe. Who are you praying for to know Jesus as Savior?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit

Notes:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of May 12, 2013

Mark 3:22-30

Quick Review: As Jesus' reputation as healer and deliverer from demons continued to spread throughout Israel, a delegation of religious leaders arrive in Galilee to pick a fight with Jesus. The text is clear they are not a neutral party seeking to learn. They are there to accuse Jesus of being in cahoots with the Devil. In that day black magic activity often occurred outside the people of God. The religious leaders too quickly determined that the black magic had now entered the Jewish community because they had heard Jesus was healing and delivering people from demons. Jesus thoroughly dismantles their logic and reminds them of eternal damnation for those who do not respond to the work of the Holy Spirit.

My Story:

- Before the lesson what did you think it meant to blaspheme the Holy Spirit?

- Why do some people (especially believers) believe they've committed the "unpardonable sin?"

Growing Deeper:

- Take some time to step through Mark 3:22-30 and make some notes about each of these sections. What stands out to you in the verses below?
 - 3:22 – The Accusation

 - 3:23-26 – Dismantling Their Logic

 - 3:27 – One Stronger Than Satan

 - 3:28 – Sin Can be Forgiven

 - 3:29-30 – Jesus' Rebuke

- In your own words describe the role of the Holy Spirit as stated in John 16:8.

- If you were sharing with a young person how would you make a distinction between conviction and condemnation? Consider John 16:8; Romans 8:38-39.

- Based on 1 John 5:10-12, how can one know if they have blasphemed the Holy Spirit? Can a person know for sure they are saved?