



Discussion Guide for “Breaking Bad”

CataVision Week 6

Breaking Bad was a show about a man who consistently chose to be bad. One decision after another took him down the path from beloved high school teacher to murderous drug kingpin. His transformation is a dramatization of what we all know: sin is insidious, and we feel trapped by our choices. Fortunately, Jesus offers us a way out of the Walter White Doom Loop - a way to freedom from and victory over sin.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Romans 6:19-23](#)

[Romans 7:21-8:2](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Matthew 5-7](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Have you seen *Breaking Bad*? Why does the creator describe the show as “Mr. Chips becoming Scarface?”
2. *Breaking Bad* is a show about ‘inevitability’. What does that mean?
3. Review Romans 6:19-26. What does Paul mean when he says that the wages of sin is death? How is a wage different from a punishment?
4. What are some ways you’ve seen sin lead to death – either literal or metaphorical?
5. Review Paul’s description of being trapped by sin in Romans 7:21-24. Can you relate to these words?
6. Paul says Jesus frees us from being trapped in sin. This sounds like pretty ‘churchy’ language. What does this mean practically in our struggle against sin in our life?
7. How does a practice like a Prayer of Examen help us experience the freedom Jesus offers us?