

BT Get That Varmint Out of Here

- What is the story of the worst varmint you have had in your home?
 - A varmint is a rat, mouse, raccoon, squirrel, snake and etc... an unwanted pest
 - There will probably be a few good stories here
- How did you feel about that varmint?
- How do you feel about sin?
 - What if there was no sexual immorality
 - What if there was no greed
 - What if there was no unrighteous anger

Ezekiel 18:30 *"Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall.*

- **Discuss:** What does repent mean?
- God expects us to repent
- **Discuss:** Why is repentance often hard?
- God has a plan for your repentance – turn to James 5

James 5: ¹⁶*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

- It is scary to open up to each other about what is really going on in our lives
- **Discussion:** How are we healed by opening up to each other?
 - Openness brings relief and other people to help us come up with a plan to defeat sin
 - The prayers of Christians help us to overcome sin
 - Etc.

Galatians 6: ¹*Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.*

- Our **obligation** is to help others overcome sin.
- **Discussion:** How do we restore someone gently?
 - You have to be involved in their lives at a heart level
 - Use the scriptures for strength and wisdom to defeat sin
 - Romans 3:23 "We have all sinned"
 - Helps us to work together and not look down on each other.
 - We are all in the same boat. We need to help each other
 - In order to confess your sin and help others with theirs you can't be superficial

Challenge: For you to have a relationship w/ someone other than your spouse that will help you overcome sin.

Close with a prayer