# **CRIME & PUNISHMENT**

The crime

- 'I'm a good person'

#### SUMMARY CHARGE | We are sinners

- all of us have sinned <sup>1</sup>
- sin is going our own way<sup>2</sup>

#### INSTINCTIVE RESPONSE | We reject the charge

- negative
- judgmental
- offensive <sup>3</sup>
- confrontational<sup>4</sup>

## LEAD COUNSEL | The Spirit is at work to convince us we are guilty

- the Spirit <sup>5</sup>
- the Word <sup>6</sup>
- <sup>1</sup> Romans 3:9,23; Isaiah 53:6
- <sup>2</sup> Romans 3:10-12; Genesis 4:7 <sup>3</sup> Matthew 15:12; John 8:34
- <sup>3</sup> Matthew 15:12; John 8:34 <sup>4</sup> 2 Samuel 12:7; Mark 2:17
- <sup>-</sup> 2 Samuel 12:7; Ma 5 John 16:8
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- <sup>6</sup> Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12; James 1:23; Acts 2:37

the conscience <sup>7</sup>

## **DETAILED CHARGES** | We are charged with capital offences

- abused God's love <sup>8</sup>
- trampled God's glory <sup>9</sup>
- betrayed God's rule <sup>10</sup>
- broken God's law <sup>11</sup>
- trashed God's creation <sup>12</sup>
- corrupted God's goodness <sup>13</sup>

## STARK CHOICE | How do you plead?

- not guilty <sup>14</sup>
- guilty 15

- <sup>10</sup> Luke 19:14
- <sup>11</sup> Mark 12:30-31; James 2:10; Matthew 5:21-22,27-28

- <sup>13</sup> Mark 7:21-22; Matthew 12:34; Luke 11:13
- <sup>14</sup> Hebrews 9:27
- 15 1 Timothy 1:15

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Romans 2:15; Luke 18:9-14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Psalm 51:4; Romans 1:21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Romans 1:23-25; 3:23: Isaiah 6:5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> James 3:5-6