

High School**January 21, 2018**

The Eternal Epidemic

Has the flu epidemic struck your household yet?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a map of flu in the United States. According to the map of misery, there's a good chance you have been—or will be—sick with the flu.

This year's virus seems to be everywhere, and the strain of H3N2 is particularly vicious. Hospitals are reporting overflowing emergency rooms. Pharmacies are running low on flu remedies.

The worse news is that the current flu vaccine doesn't seem to prevent the virus. Some studies show it has been only 10 percent effective.

And the very worst news? Flu season is just starting. It will last through the end of May.

That's four more months of sniffing, sneezing, and suffering.

Discussion Questions

- Has your family been infected with the flu? Talk about how the H3N2 virus has impacted your home or school this year.
- How is the flu epidemic much like the epidemic of sin? How is it different? Is sin more widespread or is the flu? Do the effects of sin last longer or do the effects of the flu?
- What remedy has God given us against sin? How do we receive this remedy?
- Talk about the daily effects of the sin epidemic. What daily helps does God give you to recover from sin?