

TO GO

1. Have you ever known someone or found yourself to be in a situation where your idealism became shattered by a new awareness of your brokenness? As you are comfortable in your group, describe the emotions and thought patterns that were dominant during that stretch?
2. Read John 21:15–17. What is the setting for Jesus' conversation with Peter? What history from the gospel of John is necessary for us to understand in order to grasp the significance of the conversation? Why does Jesus ask the same question three times? What does this do to Peter?
3. What wrong conclusions can you identify with the most from our sermon today? Why? What about what you've heard gives you hope?
4. Read 1 John 1:10. Why is it critical for our spiritual growth to be honest about our vulnerability to sin's influence and effect?
5. Read Psalm 34:18 and 51:17. Why do these texts indicate that the Lord draws near to the broken? What about being broken makes the Lord desire to press in?
6. Read 1 John 1:9. What promise can we cling to when we get honest about our sin and the need for forgiveness? Why is this approach to our sin critical for our spiritual growth, rather than simply moving on and forgetting about it?
7. Read 1 Timothy 1:15–16. What about Paul's weakness opened the door for Christ's glory? How is the glory of Christ so prominently on display through mercy? What about Christ's nature makes this consistent?
8. Where are you in the spiritual growth process? What wrong conclusions do you need to confess to Jesus and invite him into? How can you move forward based on biblical convictions rather than wrong conclusions?
9. Spend whatever time remaining thanking God for his grace and inviting him to help you live out of that grace as he makes you ready for kingdom impact.