

“Christ In Us: Wholeness”

Growth Group Guide

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WELCOME *(Connecting with each other)*

Have you ever broken something like a mug, glass, mirror, vase, etc.? How did you try to fix it? Were you able to repair it? Could you get it completely whole and hide all the cracks? Share with the group. Often our hearts and lives can feel bruised, battered, and shattered, but in Christ, our loving Father is working to make all things whole with no hidden cracks and every piece in place. Discuss where you sense Him doing this in your life currently.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER *(Connecting with God)*

Read these verses below. Take some time to praise and thank God that in Christ, what is broken is made whole.

Isaiah 61:1 (NLT)

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (MSG)

May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it!

WORD *(Letting God speak to us)*

1. How did Adam and Eve's decision to sin fracture us as people? Think about this in terms of their creation described in **Genesis 2:7 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23**. Why is this important to understand as it relates to God's solution for the fracturing?
2. Why do we think doing more good and less evil will actually work? See **Genesis 2:15-17**. Why does this assumption prove faulty? What problems will occur in our lives if we live believing this assumption actually works?
3. Adam and Eve weren't the only ones affected by their decision. What other fracturing occurred? Read **Genesis 3:17-19 and Romans 8:19-23**. What is the hope of these areas burdened by the consequences of the fracturing? What are they watching for?
4. Read **Ephesians 1:8b-10 in the NASB**. What was God's mystery, His sacred secret, that He was pleased to make known? How will this be accomplished? When will it be completed? And is there any area where it will not happen?
5. Read **Ephesians 1:11-12 in the NASB**. What do we obtain in Christ? How does this confirm for us that we're being made whole?

6. Verse 11 can also be translated that we're an inheritance for Christ, which is true (see **John 17:9**). What does it mean that you're valuable to Jesus?
7. What people group were the first to have the opportunity to know about being in Christ? Why was this the case? What people group followed after them? Which group was Paul a member of, and which group were the Ephesians members of?
8. Read **Ephesians 1:13-14 in the NASB**. What "in Christ" benefits do we receive at the moment of salvation? Who guarantees that these things are ours? How long will they be with us (see **John 14:16-17**)? What does God receive because of all these amazing things?
9. The great reversal: our fractured state being made whole! Look back at question 1 and the elements of our make up as people (hint: there are 3)? How is God reversing the fundamental change to who we are because of Adam and Eve's decision?

WALK *(Living out God's purposes)*

- ✓ **One Big Idea: In Christ, what is broken is made whole.** Did you know that at the moment of salvation you were placed into Christ, sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit and that was the beginning of the broken pieces of your life being made whole again? God redeems you as His possession, and He is brought glory because you are in Christ. These are facts about you spiritually, how is God seeking to make them a reality in your soul, where you think, feel, and make choices? These are the places you may be feeling broken. How can you cooperate with God this week to see wholeness come those areas? You can be confident God is working overtime to make you whole. Run an online scripture search and see if you find verses that will encourage you of God's faithful work in your life.

WORLD *(Embracing God's heart for others)*

Lots of upcoming events at Dove Medical plus a special opportunity or two! Maybe one is right for you!

- **12th Birthday:** Join us for our 12th Birthday Party/Donor Appreciation event, happening **Thursday, July 10!** The party starts at 6 p.m. at Dove Medical. Everyone is welcome to attend, including children. This is a FREE event.
- **Annual Celebration Banquet:** Save the date! **Thursday, October 9**, we will be hosting our annual celebration banquet. We will be hosting our event at Grace Community Fellowship. We will have both a lunch (12pm) and dinner (6pm) program.
- **Banquet Help:** We always need Table Hosts to bring guests to the banquet. We are always looking for Corporate Sponsors to help us pay for the cost of the banquet.
- **Clinic Needs:** Please help us provide for our patients with specific material donations, of which we are currently in need.

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