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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Starting Point Week 2

Ice-Breaker – Why do people resist the idea that they are sinners and not a mistakers? What is the difference?

Is there something within you that resists the idea that you are a sinner? Is there something that is offensive about that to you? If so, why? If not, why not?

What kind of reaction does the word “sin” stir in you? What do you associate with it?

Do you see evidence of sin in the world around us? If so, where?

Why do you think our culture is uncomfortable with the word “sin”? Or is it?

Can you really call something a mistake, if you did it on purpose? Is it possible to plan a mistake? What do you call it when you keep making the same mistake over and over again?

Read Luke 15:11-32.

What’s most surprising to you about this parable? How does it challenge the way you view God? Does it affect the way you perceive God’s response to your sin?

“When Jesus talked about sin His goal was restoration, not condemnation.” Is that statement difficult for you to believe? Why or why not? Do you agree with this?

What were they celebrating in verse 22-24? Have you ever thought about this in practical terms before? How does this make you feel?

Recognizing our sin is what paves the way to restoration and redemption. Have you ever said, “God, I have sinned?” Based on scripture, how do you think God responds?

Is the thought that Jesus’ focus, when talking about sin, is restoration not condemnation, a new idea for you? How might this make a difference in how you share the gospel with others? What difference could this make in regard to their receptivity to the gospel?