Own Worst Enemy—Week #4 September 12, 2021

"Recovery"



To the leader:

Open your group in prayer, and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the provided questions in the notes, or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the page.

On Sunday, Pastor Nick concluded our Own Worst Enemy series by urging all of us to choose recovery and regeneration. None of us are immune to messes as we make them quite often. We learned about the prodigal son of Luke 15 and the lessons that came from the father's response to his son coming home. The three main characters of the older son, the younger son and the father play a big part in the lessons that we take from this story: You are seen, loved and can be restored. The same can be said about us as we seek to find regeneration through Jesus from the messes that we make in life.

"You cannot out sin the grace of God."

- Have you ever questioned that God can forgive you for what you have done?
- ♦ In what way did you find this to be untrue?

Let's review the points from the message Sunday:

- You are SEEN
- ♦ What value does it bring knowing that God sees you in the midst of your mess?
- ◆ To what extent does God act in his knowledge of the struggles you are in?

2. You are LOVED

- God loves us at our worst. In what way does this influence how you view the messes in your life?
- In what way does God truly satisfy the desires of your heart?

3. You can be RESTORED

- ♦ In the messes in your life, have you ever felt that you were "too far gone"?
- ♦ In what way does knowing that restoration is possible change the way you think about the messes in your life?

Now what?

♦ What steps are you going to take this week to actively pursue recovery from the sin and mess in your life? Who do you need to walk through this journey with?

All of us have a sin problem. Regeneration through Christ is possible! Our ministry called ReGen is all about helping people find deliverance from their sin through Christ and community with others! Text REGEN to 330-264-9459 to learn more!

Three Essential Questions

- 1. What did you hear? What point in this message was most impactful for you?
- 2. What do you think? How did this message challenge, change or affirm your thinking?
- 3. **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?