

THIS IS US

Week 2: From Mess to Message

Introduction:

In week 2 of our series This Is Us, we are taking a closer look at a relationship of a couple in our church that shouldn't have made it, but did. We look at how they took responsibility for their sin and did what they could to turn towards God and turn their relationship around, and how God is using them today to help other marriages in our church and beyond.

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you had a situation in your life that was a huge mess, but God turned around for good? Is there a situation in your life currently that you are believing for Him to turn around?
2. In the message, we learned the top 10 emotional needs of men and women. Which one of those 10 would say is your strongest need at this season of your life? (The 10 needs are Admiration, Affection, Intimate Conversation, Domestic Support, Family Commitment, Financial Support, Honesty and Openness, Physical Attractiveness, Recreational Companionship, Sexual Fulfillment)
3. *"God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, he forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong."* 1 John 1:9 [GW]
The Bible tells us that God forgives our sins, but do you struggle with forgiving yourself of any sins you have committed? If you are comfortable, share with your group what that sin was. (Sometimes just saying your sin out loud is the first step in forgiving yourself)
4. Jason & Crystal focused on 4 main things that helped them get to where they are today: They made a commitment to attend church regularly, they became intentional about growing spiritually, they gave and sought forgiveness, and they obeyed what God was asking them to do. Which one of these 4 things are you currently not doing in your life that you want to start doing? If you are doing these 4 things, what is one that you would like to strengthen in the next few months?

Moving Forward:

God wants to take the messes in your life and make them messages to help other people. The enemy wants you to give up because he knows the power of your testimony and the potential it has to help others.

Weekly Reading:

Spend some time this week reading and reflecting on 1st John chapter 1-5.