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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 3

START
HERE

WHAT'S THE STORY

Pastor Megan talked about how we write our story one decision at a time. However, we can often forget how important daily decisions are because they feel so ordinary.

Q: DO YOU THINK OF YOUR LIFE AS A STORY BEING WRITTEN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

ASK GOOD QUESTIONS

Here is a 3-step process to help us make better decisions:

1. Ask
2. Answer honestly
3. Act on that info

What is the story I want to tell?

- What kind of life stories do you admire in others? Share about someone you know who you think is writing a good story with their life.
- How is your story similar or dissimilar to them?

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READ TOGETHER

READ LUKE 15:20-24 OUTLOUD

- ① • IN VERSE 21 THE SON CONFESSES TO GOD: "I HAVE SINNED AGAINST HEAVEN AND BEFORE YOU." WHY DO YOU THINK CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE IS SO IMPORTANT TO TELLING A GOOD STORY WITH OUR LIVES?
- ② • READ PSALM 51:17.
• THE WORD CONTRITE MEANS "BROKEN" OR "CRIPPLED". HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THAT FEELING OVER SOMETHING YOU'VE DONE IN THE PAST?
- ③ • WHEN YOU KNOW YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING YOU REGRET, ARE YOU QUICK TO APOLOGIZE TO OTHERS AND TO GOD?

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PRAY TOGETHER

Pause for a moment and pray through Psalm 51 together. Whether you identify more with the Prodigal son or the older brother, both of them needed to be reminded how much they needed the Father's compassion and grace.

DEAR LORD,

CREATE IN ME A PURE HEART, O GOD, AND RENEW A STEADFAST SPIRIT WITHIN ME. RESTORE TO ME THE JOY OF YOUR SALVATION AND GRANT ME A WILLING SPIRIT TO SUSTAIN ME.

GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS DOESN'T PLEASE YOU. A FLAWLESS PERFORMANCE IS NOTHING TO YOU. I LEARNED GOD-WORSHIP WHEN MY PRIDE WAS SHATTERED. THANK YOU FOR LOVING ME NO MATTER WHERE I AM AT IN MY STORY.

AMEN.