

GETTING STARTED:

- 1) What was your college/family nickname? How did that shape your life experience?
- 2) Like Mary Magdalene, what are some other Bible characters/ stories that you only knew one aspect about, but learned more as you matured?

MESSAGE BIG IDEA: When our identity is found in Christ no other identity matters.

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Luke 8:1-3; Mark 16:9; Romans 6: 17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:8-11

DISCUSSION

- 1) Why isn't Mary Magdalene more commonly known as "first to Jesus' tomb" in the Bible instead of the one "whom seven demons went out"?
- 2) Based on the Corinthians passage and Brian Gorman's message, how can a person be called "cleansed" and "holy" but still struggle with sin?
- 3) What does Paul mean when he refers to someone being a "slave to sin", based on Romans 6?
- 4) When have you personally seen God use someone, despite his or her history, for His Kingdom?

DIG DEEPER

- 1) In what ways might you sometimes struggle with being content knowing Jesus is the only identity that matters?
- 2) Throughout Scripture God changes people's names; Abraham, Peter, etc. How does knowing that God has been changing names and identities since Genesis help us to have hope in his desire to change us?
- 3) What does it mean for you that your debt of sin has been paid in full and that you are no longer a slave to sin?

BRING IT HOME

- 1) In what ways have you helped others not be defined by their pasts? What worked well and what didn't work?
- 2) How might God use some of your most embarrassing moments to honor Him?

ASK FOR GOD'S HELP

- 1) What is the legacy by which you wish to be known? How can we pray for you in that regard?
- 2) As we all live on Christ's mercy, how can we pray for anything you may be struggling with?