

Emotional Scars

John 8:1-11

1. Sin is _____...we've all done it.
2. Stop _____ others..._____ your own heart.
3. The Lord is _____...He's waiting for you to get _____.
4. Don't walk _____ from the Lord...He will forgive you and _____ you.
5. Deal with the _____ issues of your _____...so you won't _____ to destroy yourself with sin.

SCARS Wk 3 – The Woman Caught in Adultery

Getting Started:

1. When you were a kid, what was the dumbest thing you got caught doing? Did you try to get yourself out of trouble, how?
2. What is your initial tendency when you get caught doing something wrong (i.e. lie, confess, get defensive, run away)?

Going Deeper:

In John 8:1-11, we read the story of the Pharisees catching a woman in adultery, and bringing her before Jesus to be stoned. Through this process we realize the Pharisees also have sin, just like the woman. The Pharisees and the woman each responded differently to their sins being "outed". Jesus reveals to the woman that He does not condemn her. In this passage, we see the Father's desire for us to be free from the guilt and shame of sins – both public and private.

Read Romans 8:1-17

1. In Chapter 7, Paul shows the reader that life without the grace of Christ is filled with defeat, misery, shame, and bondage to sin. In Chapter 8:1 we find one of the most powerful, "game-changing" statements in the entire Bible. What does it promise us? Do you believe this promise extends to every area of your life past and present? What area of your life, is the most difficult for you to believe that this promise includes?
2. Vs. 5-8 discuss two ways of living, what are they? Do you feel the struggle in your life between these two ways of living?
3. V. 9 gives a definitive statement for every believer. What is it? Do you believe it for you personally? Why is it difficult for many to live and believe that we are not controlled by the sinful nature?
4. V. 17 states that we partner with Christ in both His sufferings and glory. What does this mean life will be like for the believer?
5. V. 17 uses the word "we". This means together we suffer and together we experience glory with Christ. What does it look like to be a "we" in a small group setting? What does it look like to be a "we" in light of the struggle some face from question #2? How can we help one another live lives free of condemnation, and controlled by the Spirit?

Acting Out:

1. Write down 3-5 ways that "we" as a group commit to assisting each other in living free of condemnation over the next couple of months. Agree together as a group to make this a covenant for the duration of this semester.
2. Focus on 1 or 2 specific ways that you can follow through with each other this week.

Further Reading This Week:

Romans 5 Romans 6 Romans 7 Romans 8