

ICEBREAKER:

Share with the group something you've accomplished that you felt good about. Maybe it was a health-related goal, tackling a home renovation, school-related accomplishment, making some DIY shelves, restoring a car, etc.

When you doubt.

WEEK 2

1. There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible, and beginning in just the third chapter of the whole book, God explains that a contamination has infected and broken our world (Read Genesis 3:17-19). Where do you see glimpses of good in our world, but also of contamination?
2. If you labored to create a perfect masterpiece, how would you feel if it became broken and polluted? How do you suspect God feels about His creation?
3. One writer described the present state of humanity as "a glorious ruin." "Glorious" because the echoes of God and His goodness are still seen and felt, but "ruin" because of the infection of evil at every level. What are the implications in your life of living in a "glorious ruin" as it relates to your health, emotions, and relationships?
4. Read Romans 5:8. In the sermon we heard about a rescue plan to save Chilean miners who were trapped beneath rubble. If there were a plan to deliver you out of this suffering and into a world of perfect peace, would you want to know about this plan? With Romans 5:8 in mind, how would you describe God's rescue plan?
5. Have you ever had a moment in your life when you trusted Christ to rescue you? If so describe it.
6. Read John 3:16-17 and 1 Peter 2:24. What stands out to you about this exchange of God's strength for our weakness? When you encounter pain or injustice this week, remind yourself that God came to resolve that issue. What are some ways you might do this?