

*At Concordia, we want to help you grow spiritually. **Growth Groups**, which will help you explore and apply the Biblical concepts that were introduced in Sunday's teaching, are a part of that process here. In between Growth Group seasons, we want to equip you to follow that same process on your own or with your family. Use this insert to help you explore and apply the concepts that were introduced in today's message.*

**Today's Key Concept:** Jesus shows grace by reaching out and offering forgiveness to broken people, even those who others didn't want to associate with.

**Bible verses to Explore:**

Mark 2:17 (*for context, read Mark 2:1-16*)

Romans 5:8

Psalm 51:1, 10-12 (*for context, read King David's story in 2 Samuel 11-12*)

Romans 8:1-2

Colossians 1:13-14

Hebrews 10:14,18

Psalm 103:10-13

Jeremiah 31:34

Ephesians 2:8-9

**Application and Reflection Questions:**

What do these verses tell you about God?

What do they tell you about your role in following God?

What is hard about admitting a physical illness? A spiritual illness?

Where do you look when you need certainty you are forgiven?

Why does it startle us when Jesus chooses to include the "tax collector and sinners" at His dinner table? What makes us uncomfortable when we learn this about Jesus?