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TALK ABOUT IT



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TEACHING OVERVIEW

Pastor Ken taught on how we need Jesus to find true forgiveness. Satan uses shame and pride to keep us hostage. When we humble ourselves and come to Jesus, He can transform us.

Encouragement

Throughout this series Pastor Ken has asked us to listen to the Holy Spirit and ask God what he would like us to hear. What has the Holy Spirit spoken to you in these past few weeks?

When have you questioned God's Word? What was the affect of that?

Scripture & Discussion

Read: Genesis 3:1-13

Discuss:

1. Sin is selfish. How were Adam & Eve selfish? Who did they blame for what took place?
2. Pastor Ken shared an illustration about the process of what took place in the Garden. It still plays out today in our own lives. Talk through this illustration in regards to Genesis 3. Then talk through how it plays out in our individual lives today.

Desire | Path | Sin | Blame | Shame = Hide

3. Sin often makes us feel shame. It can cause us to to want to hide from God and others. When shame combines with pride, it results in us being held hostage, often not by the sin but our own pride. How has your pride held you hostage? How can humility help us find freedom?

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Read: James 1:12-25

Discuss:

4. When have you said, "I am being tempted by God"? What does the Scripture say we should say and do instead?
5. What is able to save our souls? How can we be better at being doers of the Word versus hearers of the Word, where we actively following God's Word and what is, ultimately, best for our lives?

Prayer

Pray together as a group for each person to humbly come before Christ and confess sins. If something specific was shared, pray over the person who shared that God will do a mighty, transformational work in the situation and in them. Thank God for his endless grace made possible by Jesus' sacrifice.

Next Steps

We all need 3 things to fully experience healing and forgiveness: JESUS, humility, and a group of people. This week, pursue each of these.

Read the 3 stories Pastor Ken shared in the message as examples of people who were living with wounds/shame (the woman at the well, King David, & the woman suffering from bleeding) found in John 4, 2 Samuel 11, Luke 8. Journal on what role shame plays in our woundedness and how you relate to these people.