



March 25th 2018: I AM BARABBAS

Opening

- Who were your favorite heroes growing up?
- How do you feel whenever the “bad guy” is let off the hook?

Discussion

- How do you respond to compliments? How do you respond to criticism?
- How have you wrestled with your inherent worth and yet human brokenness?
- As Eric mentions, our identity can be skewed when growing up with a false narrative of who we are and what we can accomplish. Who are some biblical examples that portray overcoming this false narrative with God’s truth?
- None of us today are prophesied about by name in the Bible, but God’s promises are for his children. What do God’s promises say about who you are?
- How does your knowledge of God transform who you are in God? Is it possible to truly know God without knowing who you are?
- [Read Mark 14:60-62](#). What does the word Messiah mean to you, and how does it help you in your faith journey?
- [Read Mark 15:1-15](#). What are some ways you can identify with Barabbas?
- If you were an observer of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, his trial, his beatings, his crucifixion, who would you be in the crowd and what would you be thinking?
- [2 Corinthians 12:8-9](#) illustrates God stating his power is made perfect in our weakness. How does this message of grace, affect the knowledge that you are Barabbas?

Application

- How does remembering “I am Barabbas, I am Bar-abbas” change this Easter for you?
- Let’s end with something a little different. Have you ever done an encouragement circle? Go around the room and take turns giving one person compliments until everyone has had a chance to be encouraged. It feels awkward at first but it will leave people feeling valued and loved.