

I am Not My Past or My Mistakes

Discussion Questions:

We discussed Paul's story a lot. Who are some of the other famous "heroes of the faith" who have an undesirable past?

Can you think of many "heroes of the faith" who do not have a negative past? Who are they? Does the shortness of this list encourage or discourage you? Why?

If Paul's conversion happened in our life (hypothetically in 2015), would you go to Paul's church? Why or why not?

Do you think there is anything someone could have done in their past that God cannot redeem them from or still use them in spite of? If so, what and why? If not, why not?

What choices or sin habits are you allowing in your life right now that 10 years from now you will regret? What are you going to do about it?

What past mistake or sin are you allowing to define you, instead of embracing grace and living in your identity as a child of God? How will you change that?

Have you allowed shame of your past to disengage you from who God is calling you to be or from what God has called you to do? If so, why? If not, why not?