

## **SMALL GROUPS**

Life alone isn't living. We SHARE community.

## Beautiful Design Week 9 – Woman's Redemption

Over the last few weeks, we have looked at the sins that men and women tend to fall into. We placed these in two "buckets" for the men, and two "buckets" for the women.

What were these buckets labeled for the men and for the women?

Were you able to identify any of your own personal issues? How has recognizing and naming these sins in your life changed you?

Pastor Bob also spoke about the power women wield with their words.

Women: Has this study helped you to pause before you speak and consider the impact of your words on those you are speaking to? Have you considered that you are speaking to yourself as well? What message are you speaking into your own life?

Men: Have you seen a woman using this power? Was it for good or for evil? What was the outcome?

Read Hebrews 11:32-38 and Hebrews 12:1-2.

Comparison, perfectionism, selfish-passivity, and selfish-aggression are the weights that lead to sin.

According to Hebrews 12:1, what should you do with those weights? How do you go about "laying them aside"?

What will be the result of struggling to "lay aside your weights" on your own, as opposed to inviting Jesus into your weakness?

"The church should be a place where it's ok to not be ok." -Pastor Bob

How can we deal with our issues if we are afraid to recognize what they are?

When do you find yourself most aware of God and most aware of your need for His goodness and grace? When everything is awesome? Or when you're really messed up?

What is the typical definition of success?

In Hebrews 11:32-38, was every Christian's story a success story, by a typical definition of success?

When do you learn the most, in times of success or times of failure?

How should the definition of success be redefined by a Christian?

In Hebrews 12:2, what was the joy that was set before Jesus?

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loved you that much? Have you ever considered how He really feels about you on a personal basis?

Discuss the following verse.

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by my name, you are mine."