

Welcome Home

WEEK 1 – MAKING PROGRESS

BIG IDEA:

No matter where you are, Jesus loves you just like you are today, but He isn't content with leaving you that way. None of us have arrived at our final destination. We are all works in progress. Everyone is progressing towards a destination everyday. You may not even realize it, but everyday, people are either progressing in their journey towards Jesus or on a journey away from Him.

KEY VERSE:

Philippians 3:12 "I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Key Point #1: Progress is moving from where you are to where God wants you to be.

Key Point #2: The middle of progress is called process.

Key Point #3: Your purpose is developed in the process.

Key Point #4: Your purpose will always be greater than your past.

1. How has God used things in your past to bring you more fully into your purpose?
2. Is there anything that God is showing you that you are running from?

Key Point #5: There is no progress without pain.

Key Point #6: The pain you endure today leads to the strength you enjoy tomorrow.

3. What "baggage" are you carrying that you need to get rid

of? What step(s) can you take today to release that?
(Hebrews 12:1)

Key Point #7: Stop running from something and start running to someone!

4. In what way do you need to come home? What do you need to stop running from?
5. What could you do today to start running toward Jesus?

Key Point #8: Jesus always welcomes "Works-in-progress" home.

MOVING FORWARD:

Too often we run from the thought of pain, but it's in the pain that God reveals Himself to us in ways He couldn't have before. Don't let the pain of your past drive you from Jesus- allow it to push you toward Him. As a group, discuss together what God might have planned for your life if you keep moving forward. Remember, to keep growing, you need keep going.