Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

What if we saw our church as a healing community for anyone in need of Jesus instead of a private club or retreat for the righteous?

GETTING STARTED

1. Share about a time when you were excluded from a group/club/clique? How did this experience impact your view of "those people"?

FROM THE SERMON

- 2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what are some of the points, Bible verses, etc. that really stood out to you?
- 3. Read Matthew 9:9-13 & Matthew 7:3-5. What character traits of present-day Pharisees have you personally encountered? How did this experience affect your view of God and/or the church? What does the phrase "we are all broken together" mean to you?
- 4. Read John 4:10-18; 25-26; 39-42. When did the woman at the well realize she was broken? In what ways did she respond to Jesus' exposure of her sin? Why do you think she was no longer ashamed of her sin (vs. 39) as she used it to tell her story? What are the similarities of how you might respond to Jesus today?
- 5. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit?

NEXT STEPS

- 6. What will you now do with this new truth, spiritual insight, or prompting from the Spirit?
- 7. How can we pray together?