

Emoji Exchange
Week 1 - The Shame Emoji
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Emoji takeover...

Introduction to shame...

Passages: Romans 5:6-9; 7:15-19, 24; 8:1

Big Idea: In Christ, we exchange our _____ for God's _____.

Why do we struggle with shame?

1. We still feel like we're _____.(2 Cor. 5:17)
2. We don't believe God could possibly _____ someone like us.
(John 3:16-17)
3. The Church has used shame as a _____.(Eph. 2:8-9)
4. We've been rewarded for playing the _____.

Next Steps:

1. _____ it.
2. _____ about it.
3. _____ your new identity in Christ.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever felt like Paul did Romans 7:15-19, 24? When?
- In what ways has shame shaped your relationship with God? Your relationships with people?
- Is the idea of exchanging our shame for God's approval an easy concept for you to embrace or a difficult one? Why?
- Which of the 4 reasons for our struggle with shame reflects your personal experience? Share with your group as you feel safe.
- How well is your group doing at being authentic with one another? Are you rewarding one another for "playing the pretending game"?
- Practically speaking, what does it look like when you're living from the approval of God rather than for the approval of people?
- Have you started working on your identity statements? If so, what did you learn from that process?
- How has your view of God changed over time? Has it been more healthy?

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