

Struggling and “Sunday Best”

Woundedness	Brokenness
Is their limp (Identity).	Has a limp (Quality).
Living from your wound.	Living from a wound.
Seeing people through their wound.	Seeing people with wounds.
Unhealed and hurtful.	Healed by Jesus and helpful to others.
Holding on to your wounds.	Surrender your wound to Jesus.
Contempt for self and others.	Compassion for self and others.

BIG IDEA: In our _____, we experience Jesus’ _____ and _____ with others.

3 Reminders About Our Wounds:

1. Jesus _____ in our wounds. (Luke 13:10-17).
2. In Jesus, our wounds are not _____.
 (John 9:1-3, Matt. 9:9-13).

3. Our _____ can connect us with others in ways our _____ can’t.

Next Steps:

1. Review the chart and determine if you’re living from _____ or _____.
2. Name the wound(s) which need to be healed and consciously _____ presence there.
3. When you’re tempted to create distance between you and someone who isn’t like you, _____ and _____ what wounds may have marked them.
4. Pray, _____ to make your wounds and brokenness a bridge to connecting other people to Him.

Discussion Questions:

- Have you ever struggled to be honest with Jesus or other Jesus followers? What made you hesitant to be honest?
- Pastor Scott walked us through a chart contrasting woundedness and brokenness. Which description stuck out to you the most? Which of those two categories do you find yourself in today?
- Read Luke 13:10-17 and share a story about a time Jesus has met you in your wounds.
- Pastor Scott shared that without our wounds, we wouldn’t experience Jesus in an intimate way. Where in your life do you currently need to encounter Jesus like the Bent Woman did?
- Have you ever made a connection with someone through a shared struggle or weakness? Share with your group about that connection and how your shared struggle brought a bond.
- In the Next Steps, Pastor Scott encouraged us to pause and consider what wounds have marked the people who aren’t like us. How could this attitude shift affect the way you relate to some people who are hard for you to love?
- Read Matthew 9:9-13. Who are the people your group can be praying for as you ask Jesus to use you in their life like He used Matthew to make an eternal difference?

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