



## The Story Week 3

### The Repairer of the Broken

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Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

#### With your Bible or Youversion.com read John 1:1-14

John introduces his Gospel of Jesus by reminding the reader of the first book of the Old Testament, "In the beginning."

- Who is the Word? What is the Word's relationship with God? What role did the Word play in creation?
- What other metaphors does John use in this passage to describe Jesus?
- How does one become a child of God? How should that affect your life?

#### Read Isaiah 64:6 and Romans 3:10

Our brokenness is due to sin - the sin in the Garden of Eden and the sin of our own selfish choices.

- Isaiah characterizes our sin in two ways. (Read this passage from a second translation for more insight.) What are they and what picture does it give you of the impact of sin?
- What truth does the Romans passage reveal about the extent of sin. How does our society react to that? How do you react to that?

#### Read Leviticus 1:2; 5:6; 23:37; Exodus 29:38 and Hebrews 9:9-10

These passages give us a quick glimpse at the Old Testament Covenant which provided a way to receive forgiveness for sin.

- What do you notice about the sacrificial system? Discuss or think about what it would have been liked to have lived during this time. What would have been required of you?
- How long did the atonement provided by the sacrifice last?
- What does the writer of Hebrews tell us about this Covenant?

#### Read Galatians 4:4; Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:23-24; 8:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 and Hebrews 9:12

The better system mentioned in Hebrews 9 was found in Jesus Christ.

- Why did the Father wait to send Jesus?
- What does Isaiah prophesy that God is going to do with sin?
- What is the cost to you of God's forgiveness? Do your actions demonstrate your full belief that this is true?
- How is it that Christ's sacrifice did what the old sacrifices couldn't do? What difference does this make for us?
- What are some ways that you express your thankfulness to God for his gift of salvation?

#### Read Hebrews 12:24 and Matthew 11:28

While salvation is offered freely there is a condition, we must respond.

- What does it mean to you that Jesus represents you before the Father's throne, where he proclaims forgiveness rather than vengeance?
- Have you responded to the free gift that God offers? If not why not. If so, what brought you to that place?
- Are you living like one who has new life or do you find yourself having returned to old ways and patterns? What is keeping you from making things right with God?

#### My Next Step Today Is To . . .

- Give my life to the one who offered himself as a sacrifice for me.
- Admit that while I know I am broken I struggle when it comes to committing my life to Christ.
- Celebrate the forgiveness that I have found in Jesus .
- Meditate on and/or memorize Matthew 11:28

#### Talk It Over with God:

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Spend time thanking God for the new covenant that has been offered to you - not by law but by grace.
- If there is any area of your life that is still in bondage, give it to God.