

Fresh Start

The Blessing of Brokenness



Ice Breaker

- What was the high/low point of the past week?
- What's one thing God is teaching you right now?

Key Questions

- What's one idea from Sunday's message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?
- God breaks us to bless us. Brokenness is a blessing that leads to breakthrough. Is it difficult to see brokenness as a blessing? How has God moved in the brokenness of your story to produce a blessing?
- Brokenness has a context. We've been planted with purpose, not buried without hope. How is God moving in your current context? What pressures are reminding you to come to God empty-handed?

Optional Questions – *If needed, include one or more of these scriptures and questions to extend your conversation.*

- Ps Blake shared the difference between 'dying to self' and being 'dead to sin'. Dying is painful, but death brings freedom. How have you seen this principle true in your life?
- Read John 12:24-26 aloud. In this passage Jesus talks about the power of a seed. He presents things in a way that seems opposite of human wisdom. For example, if you want honor, then you must serve. Also, to keep your life, you must give it. This illustrates the power of a seed. Why do you think God designed his process of blessing in this way?
- Read Psalm 126:5-6 aloud. What do these verses teach you about brokenness?
- Ps Blake shared, "I'm not trying to make you feel broke, I'm trying to help you realize you are broken." Why do you think it is difficult for us to recognize our need for God?
- Does living with a broken and contrite heart require you to walk with less joy? Discuss.

Next Steps

- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of your next City Group.*
- Announcement: *Announce the time & location of Sunday's Worship Experience.*