

## Discussion Guide

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# For Me: Week 1

## From Rejected To Chosen

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### ***Main Idea***

This isn't just a story about salvation for the world. It's not just a theological concept. It's a personal sacrifice, a personal love, a personal Savior. Today, we begin a journey—not merely to remember what Jesus did, but to understand WHO He did it for.

This isn't just about the world—it's about me. It's about you. The cross covered all, but His eyes were on you. He's not just the Savior—He's the Savior who chose you.

### ***Anchor Passage***

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5, NIV)*

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### ***1. I Might Be Overlooked, But I'm Not Forgotten***

Jesus didn't just come for the saints in the temple; He came for the sinner at the well, making it clear, "I came for you—this isn't just salvation for the world, it's personally for you."

Read John 4:7-18, 28-30, 39-42

**Question:** How has Jesus' personal love and acceptance, like His encounter with the woman at the well, transformed the way you see yourself and your purpose in sharing His love with others?

### ***2. He had 99 Reasons to Stay...But 1 Reason to Go***

Jesus had 99 reasons to stay, but one reason to go: you—His reckless love drove Him to pursue you, no matter the cost.

Read Luke 15:4-6

**Question:** How does understanding that Jesus' love is a "reckless" pursuit—going after the one lost sheep—change the way you view God's faithfulness and His personal commitment to you, even when you feel distant or lost?

**3. Brokenness isn't the end—it's the place where purpose begins again.**

Peter's brokenness wasn't the end of his story; it was the moment when Jesus, in His compassion, restored him and launched him into the purpose of feeding His sheep.

Read Luke 22:61-62, Psalm 95:7

**Question:** How does Jesus' response to Peter—choosing to restore him with compassion rather than condemnation—challenge the way we view failure and forgiveness in our own lives, especially when we feel like we've fallen short?

**4. Jesus doesn't bring up your failure. He brings up your future.**

Jesus doesn't dwell on your failures; He calls you to your future, saying, "I still want you, I still choose you," even when you're at your lowest.

**Question:** How does knowing that Jesus recommissions you, even in your brokenness, change the way you view your own worth and purpose, especially when you're struggling or feeling unworthy?

## SUMMARY

Today's message focused on the personal love and relentless pursuit of Jesus, who sees and chooses us despite our pain, rejection, and failures. Through the stories of the Samaritan woman at the well and Peter's restoration after denying Jesus, we learn that Jesus doesn't just forgive us—He recommissions us. His love goes out of its way for the lost and broken, reminding us that we are never overlooked or forgotten. Even when we fall short, Jesus chooses us and gives us a new purpose, showing that brokenness is not the end, but the beginning of our purpose in Him.

## CALL TO ACTION

**Embrace your worth:** Recognize that Jesus sees you, chooses you, and loves you, no matter your past or current struggles. Don't let feelings of rejection or failure define you—embrace the truth that you are chosen and loved by God.

**Reach the Lost:** Just as Jesus went after the one lost sheep, we are called to reach out to those who may feel overlooked or forgotten. Look for opportunities to extend compassion and share God's love with those around you who are struggling or in need. Invite them to church with you on Easter.

**Step into your purpose:** Even when you feel broken or unworthy, remember that God has a purpose for you. Like Peter, let your failures become the starting point for stepping into your God-given mission—whether it's serving others, sharing the gospel, or fulfilling the unique calling God has for your life.

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## GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

### **Best and Worst**

Best/worst is a simple icebreaker to implement in your small group. Ask each person to share their best and worst moments from the previous week. The entire icebreaker should not take longer than 10-15 minutes depending on how large your group is. This is an easy one to use and gives you good feedback on how the people in your group are doing in a general sense.

\*If people are not engaging with the question, you can prompt them with follow-up questions to help them remember what they did during the week. It can also help if you initiate the icebreaker by answering the question first, giving everyone else time to think about their answers.