



WEEK 4 - RESTORATION MESSAGE NOTES

DISCUSS

- Share any thoughts or comments on your SOAP Journal from Psalms 32.
- Read Philemon 1:10-13. What restoration do you see in Onesimus in these verses? How did his relationship with Paul change? How do you think he must have felt about those changes in his life and his new freedom in Christ?
- Describe a time when God restored a broken part of your life.
- When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, he gives us a new identity. Describe this new identity that is pointed out in the following scriptures: Galatians 4:7, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:20, 2 Timothy 1:7.
- What are some of the challenges you face to stay focused on your true identity in Christ?
- What is the hardest thing for you when it comes to looking beyond someone's sin to love and value the person behind the sin? How do you respond to the idea that Pastor Steve shared that "no person can be totaled?"
- Pray for each other to live in the reality of your identity in Christ and to see the fingerprints of God on the people around you.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE

Read: Galatians 3

S - Scripture - Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O - Observation - Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A - Application - Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P - Prayer - Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.