

Make or Break week 4 : Break Up or Break Down

Questions

REVIEW WITH YOUR GROUP

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- What bad/strange habits do you have? (ex. biting nails, etc...)

RESPOND TO THE TOPIC

- What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
- **Read John 15:1-4**
 - *John 15:1-4* ““I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.”
- Why does God 'cut' branches?
 - Do you believe God will 'cut' the things that are bad in our lives so we can be healthier and better?
 - What things in your life/relationships need to be 'cut'?
- How can you break up with fairytales?
 - What assumptions and ideas do you carry into your relationships?
 - How can you choose love and compassion and not comparison and accomplishment?
- Do your feelings misguide you?
 - How have they?
 - *Galatians 5:22-25* “²² But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. ²⁵ Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.”
 - Are your feelings in your abilities or in Christ?
- Are you carrying the weight of your failures?
 - Have you been able to move past or are you carrying them into your relationships?
 - *John 15:4* “⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.”
 - What failures are you breaking up with so you can move forward?
- How can we pray for you?