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1. JESUS FREES US FROM OUR PAST
2. JESUS MEETS US WHERE WE ARE
3. JESUS TAKES US TO THE FINISH LINE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this week's teaching stood out to you the most? Why?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word "authentic"? Why do you think authenticity is so appealing to people yet so difficult for many of us to actually live out?
3. How often do you deal with the fear of rejection in your life? Do you ever feel like you're pretending to be something you aren't? Where do you see this happen most often in your life?
4. Because of Jesus there is no one who is beyond repair. There is no such thing as a person who is a "total loss". Does your past ever weigh on you to the point of you feeling like you aren't acceptable or lovable? How can the example of the Apostle Paul's life be an encouragement to us all?
5. Jesus meets us right where we are so you can be honest about where you are. Do you have any doubts, questions or concerns about Jesus or Christianity in general that you've been afraid to mention to anyone?
6. Jesus meets us where we are but he doesn't leave us there. We all have things in our lives that are unhealthy and need to change for our own good and for God's glory. What are some changes that you know need to happen in your life? What are some steps you could take to help those changes become a reality?
7. What does it mean that Jesus Takes Us to the Finish Line (see Philippians 1:6)? Why is this truth important for us to know?
8. How can you become a person who other people are more likely to be honest with regarding challenges or struggles they have? What characteristics in a person make you feel safe about opening up to them?