

MAIN POINT

We are more broken than we could imagine and yet more loved than we could ever dared to hope.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

"I was the worst of sinners. I was the chief of sinners." That can possibly come across as false humility. In Paul's case it was quite accurate. Being zealous for God can keep you from recognizing that you are actually fighting against the heart of God. Talk about some times where you thought that you were "doing God's work" yet in hind-sight were actually hurting his work.

Jesus is better experienced than explained.

-Paul had an encounter with Jesus. Pastor Roman shared his story about seeing Ray Lewis and being able to recognize him but not knowing him personally. Talk in your group about that moment when you went from knowing some things ABOUT Jesus to KNOWING Jesus. What changed in your experience after that took place?

We haven't done a great job at addressing our brokenness. We put on a good front in front of people. "Speak to them of the great mercy of God. Sometimes people are helped by the telling of your own lamented past." St. Francis Xavier

We are experiential people. Talk about a time in your life where the telling of part your story directly helped influence someone else to change their present situation.

A growing faith is a sharing faith

Philemon 1:5 "because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints."

"Everyone plays a role in somebody else's Jesus story." It is important to tell and re-tell stories of how others were involved in our "coming to Jesus."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **3 Things about sharing your story.** Go through them in your group and then remember to submit them to story@nlc.tv

1. Keep it short
2. Keep it simple
3. Follow God's leading

