



God of the Underdogs Week 2 Discussion Notes

Breaking the Ice:

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

Scripture: Psalm 139:13-18

Discussion Questions:

Pastor Chad shared, "We all have excuses we tend to use to keep us from all God has planned for us like, 'I can't get past my past. I can't get over who I've been. I can't get over what I've done.'"

1. Is your past getting in the way of you being and becoming all that God has planned for you?
2. Do you feel like who you were is more important than you who you are now?

Read Acts 26:4-5

Pastor Chad shared, "...[Paul] was outright hateful and dangerous. He'd have strapped on a suicide vest just to take out a few Christians had he not been so in love with himself. He was that guy."

3. Share a time when you felt like God couldn't or wouldn't use you because of your past.

Pastor Chad then shared, "Paul is a man God uses, not only in spite of his past, but because of his past."

4. How can God use our past to show His love and mercy?

Pastor Chad shared, "There is no past too dark that it will disqualify you from being used by God."

5. Describe a time when you placed your past and everything in it into the hands of God and experienced His forgiveness.
6. Have you allowed God to set you free from your past?

Read Jeremiah 1:5-11 & Philippians 1:6

Pastor Chad shared, "...one moment in the presence of the Lord has the power to change everything...But it's not just the encounter that makes the difference, it's our response to the encounter."

Read Acts 26:12-16

7. What's your response to the presence of Christ?

Pastor Chad shared, "...one person's darkness, when yielded to Christ, can bring light into someone else's darkness."

8. How can God use your darkness to bring light into someone else's darkness?

God At Work:

9. Where do you see God at work in your life?

10. What can your Life Group join you in praying for this week?