



Rough Crowd- Week 4

We're all aware of our own flaws, screw-ups, and bad decisions. Nobody's perfect—we all miss the mark. But God can do remarkable things with unexpected people. What could he do with a rough crowd like us?

Conversation Starter:

Tell us about a stupid decision you made as a child.

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: What are some reasons people hide their mistakes or sins from others? (*Hint: Think shame, guilt, embarrassment, pride, fear*).

Question 2: This week we learned about a major fail in the life of King David. What can we learn about God's heart knowing that David is described as a man after God's own heart, even with such massive mistakes on his record?

- **Read Psalm 32:1-5**

Question 3: According to King David, the author of this Psalm, what is the result of hiding our sin from God and others? (*Hint: It hurts us: physically, emotionally, and spiritually*).

In his message, Matt shared "*The longer we hide, the greater the hurt, but when we stop hiding, we start healing.*" Let's watch how this played out in Julie's story.

- **[Watch Julie's Story]**

Question 4: How have you experienced the hurt of hiding in your own story?

We can only experience healing when we stop hiding. The word we use from coming clean is called confession.

- **Read James 5:16**

Question 5: To confess our sins we need to own it- stop lying to ourselves and acknowledge our wrong actions. We also have to admit it- tell God and others. The last step is to stop it- put safeguards in place so that we don't continue to make the same mistakes.

Which of these three aspects of confession is most difficult for you and why?

Prayer:

Thank God that no matter what we've done, we are not beyond the forgiveness that Jesus Christ offers. Pray that we each may be able to own up to our sins and shortcomings and find the courage to let God and someone know what is going on beneath the surface.