



Small Group Discussion Guide

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite summer activity? Why is it your favorite?

Instructions: If your group meets bi-weekly, do 3, 4 & 5.

1. In the message this week, Pastor Nate shared a question we often ask, "Shouldn't this be easier?" Have you ever asked that question? In life have you ever just wondered if you will get a break? Explain.
2. Read Mark 14:1-9. What is your initial reaction to what this woman did? How do her actions represent what is going on internally? What do her actions demonstrate about her devotion and dependence on Jesus? This woman is anonymous in Mark 14. What is significant about this for us?
3. Pastor Nate explained that the Christian Life is not Karma. Compare and contrast the two. Instead the Christian life is about new life. Read the CS Lewis quote in the message notes. How do you react to this statement? Read Ephesians 4:22-24. What does this say about how we grow?
4. Pastor Nate said, "The Christian Life is both harder and easier than we think it should be, but it is infinitely better than we imagine it could be." What are your thoughts on this statement? Read and discuss Matthew 16:24-25; Matthew 11: 28-30; and Ezekiel 36:26.
5. Are you willing and ready to pray, "not my will but yours be done"? Are you willing to say, "God, break me"? How will you support and encourage each other to pray this bold prayer or take steps toward willing/ready?

Personal Guide for Week of June 4th

- DAY 1:** Read John 5:30. How did Jesus view his mission? How might you have this same perspective?
- DAY 2:** Read John 6:38. How is Jesus' mission described here? Do you think He ever struggled with his mission?
- DAY 3:** Read John 4:34. How did Jesus describe his mission in this passage? What is He trying to demonstrate to the disciples?
- DAY 4:** Read Psalm 143:10. What is our part in learning to do God's will?
- DAY 5:** Read Luke 22:42b. Take time to listen to Thy Will by Hillary Scott and let these words comfort and encourage you to pray along with Jesus, "yet not my will, but yours be done." Watch it @ <http://bit.ly/Thy-Will>.

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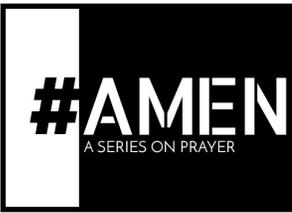
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A SERIES ON PRAYER

JUNE 4TH, 2017

"Break Me"





“Break Me”
[Nate Sickler, Small Groups Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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Broken and Poured Out = _____ and _____

Devotion=Complete _____

Dependence=Complete _____

The Christian Life is not _____.

The Christian Life is about new life, where _____ comes from _____.

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My problem is _____.

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And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. And he said to them, “This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. Mark 14:22-24, NLT

#Amen (“So be it”):

God, _____ .

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