Jesus Breaking the Rules
Broken Bread, Broken Hearts

Talk It Over

Message Summary

. Pain can leave us feeling unseen, alone, and discouraged. At a table filled with broken people, Jesus shows us another way: He sees us, stays with us, gives us hope, and teaches us to turn our pain into purpose.

Key Scriptures

John 15:16 (NIV)
You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit.

John 14:16, 18 (NIV)
I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever… I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

John 16:33 (NIV)
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

2 Corinthians 1:3–4 (NIV)
The God of all comfort… comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- At a family gathering, what role do you naturally play: cook, storyteller, peacekeeper, helper, entertainer, or escape artist?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Monday's)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these passages reveal about how Jesus meets us in pain and what He can do through it?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Why do you think Jesus promises His presence in our pain rather than promising a life without it?
- How can receiving God's comfort change the way we carry our pain and respond to others who are hurting?
- Jesus saw Peter's failure and his future at the same time. What could change if we learned to see someone's potential beyond the pain they caused?
- Why is serving someone who has hurt us so contrary to our natural response? How does Jesus model something different?
- Where might Jesus be asking you to stop hiding your pain and allow Him to turn it into purpose?

Start Praying

Jesus, meet us in our pain. Help us receive Your comfort, trust Your presence, and see others as You do. Turn our wounds into opportunities to serve and bring hope. Amen.

Start Doing

This week, set a table. Reach toward someone who is hurting or someone with whom your relationship has been difficult. Send the text, share the coffee, serve quietly, or simply remind them:"I see you, and I'm here."