



NOT TOO FAR GONE

OPENING QUESTIONS - *Use one or both of these questions to connect with others in your group:*

1. How are you feeling about the end of summer? Did you turn your heat on yet?
2. What are some of your favorite things to do in the fall?

KEY POINTS - *take a minute to review the key points from this weekend's message*

- WOW is what we say when something is amazing or beautiful and moving.
- What God has done for us is a WOW, that while we were yet sinners, Christ came into the world and died for us to save us from our sins.
- We have great value to God in that he paid a high price to redeem us to Himself.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THIS MESSAGE: 1 Timothy 1:15-17, Romans 6:23

RESPOND

The sermon this week dealt with sin and God's saving grace. How would you describe God's view of sin?

Paul writes in 1 Tim 1:15, "Christ Jesus came into the world to forgive sinners, of whom I am the worst." Why do you think Paul described himself this way?

It can be difficult to think of ourselves as sinners. We would rather be "Mistakers" rather than Sinners. Think about your own self-view. When did you start thinking of yourself as a sinner?

Read Romans 6:23 - What does the bible say regarding the wages of sin?

Read 1 Timothy 1:15-16 - Think about God's mercy towards Paul. That the worst of all sinners would believe in him and receive eternal life. God gave his Son over to be beaten, humiliated, and crucified for Paul and each of us. Take a minute to silently imagine one of your own children suffering like Jesus did.

What are your thoughts on this meditation?

The value of something is determined by what people are willing to pay for it. Based on what we read and talked about, what is your value to God?

Read 1 Timothy 1:17 over several times, maybe even in different versions of the bible. What stands out to you from this verse?

APPLY

Think about some ways you can live up to the value that God has placed on your life. Share at least one way with someone in the group or someone you trust.

PRAY