

#### Wounded Series- Marked

Wk 1 Point: The Mark You Leave for the Future Will Be Jesus In You.

Wk 2 Point: You are Marked as His for Eternity! Don't forget to make the announcements to your group this week!

## **Discussion Generators**

•What stood out to you from the first two weeks of the Marked point series? (they can be funny, serious, stupid, or spiritual)

•Read I Corinthians 3:4-7. What is Paul scolding the Corinthian believers for here? Have any of you had an experience that you looked up to someone as a spiritual leader and they failed God, others, or you? How did that impact you?

•What is the danger of us placing people on a pedestal (people such as pastors, elders, teachers, parents, and others we respect)?

•When we hear a pastor or someone else that may communicate God's Word to us and or we observe someone we respect that lives a Christian life of example, what should we be respecting in that person rather than their "words" or "works"?

•Read Matthew 28:19-20. What does Jesus tell His disciples that He expects of them? Did that just apply to Jesus' original eleven disciples or something else? What do you think it means to make disciples?

•Read I Corinthians 3:6-7 again. According to what Paul says here what is our role in disciple making? Who is really the difference maker that transforms peoples lives? In your own words, how would you describe that to a ten year old? So what is our role in God changing us to be like Him? •Read I Corinthians 6:11. This is where we learned the word "sanctification." Does anyone remember what that means (it literally means, to make holy)?

•So if a person is a disciple of Christ and has been made holy by God, what should their legacy that they leave after their gone be all about? What steps could someone take to avoid temptation and to stay focused on becoming more like God?

•Read Ephesians 1:13-14. How does one become marked by God as His own?

•What does Paul say here that God does to mark us with a seal? Paul also refers to the Holy Spirit acting in behalf as a deposit for believers in Christ. What did Paul mean by that?

•The big theological word for the week was "glorification." What does that word refer to when we're talking about the Christian faith? **Read** *I* Corinthians 15:42-44 for Paul's description of what the glorification of believers is.

•We heard that believers are "Signed, Sealed, and Delivered" by God and that once someone is marked by God as His, that they can't lose it, others can't take it, and God will do it. Many people struggle with this concept. Why do you think that is? What is the danger in thinking that a person can lose it and that we have to do and not do certain things to keep from losing it?

•So if you were explaining to another person what it means to be marked by God for eternity, how would you explain it to them and how would you use Ephesians 1:13-14 to help explain that?

# Challenge for the Week

Identify one person in your life this week that you will explain to in your own words what it means to leave a your mark on the future through Jesus in your life and what it means to be marked by God for eternity.

## **Bible Verses**

#### I Corinthians 3:4-7 (NIV)

For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere human beings? What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. **6.** I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

## Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

## I Corinthians 6:11 (NLT)

Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

## Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession to the praise of his glory.

## I Corinthians 15-42-44 (CEV)

That's how it will be when our bodies are raised to life. These bodies will die, but the bodies that are raised will live forever. These ugly and weak bodies will become beautiful and strong. As surely as there are physical bodies, there are spiritual bodies. And our physical bodies will be changed into spiritual bodies