

Greater Than: Pt. 5; My Past

Skeletons. We all have them in our closet and sometimes they haunt us. But no matter who you are, what you have done and who you've done it with ... God's promise is that your past can be completely forgiven and wiped clean through Jesus Christ. In celebration of this reality, we will participate in communion at the conclusion of the message. Communion is a simple Christian memorial that reminds us of God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus Christ and is open to anyone.

Bottom Line: No matter who you are or what you have done, God can forgive **all** of your sins.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is one memory from your past that brings you joy to recall? What makes this memory so pleasant?
- 2. What is one thing you would consider buying at a very high price if paying that price meant you never had to pay for it again?
- 3. In your own words, what role does a believer play in earning God's approval and acceptance?
- 4. **Read Acts 4:10-12**. How do you think the people who heard this message reacted? What would have made this hard for them to accept?
- 5. What does it mean to say God is greater than my past? How can we be sure that this is true?
- 6. **Read Romans 8:1-2 & 31-39.** The grace of God is available to anyone who turns to Jesus for forgiveness. Are these passages easy or hard for you to believe? Why?
- 7. What next step do you need to take today? Do you need to accept Jesus into your life? Do you need to confess your sin(s) and return to Jesus? If you have not been baptized, is now the time? Take some time to pray for your next step.
- 8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 9. How can the group encourage you this week?