

When We Come Back

Talk Sheet

Broken But Still Useful

Introduction:

Most would throw a broken bowl in the trash BUT hear how even broken things can still be useful. God puts us back together and uses us if we let Him. Yes, we will have scars, but they show where we've been, not predict our usefulness now or in the future.

Talk Points:

- God, the Potter of our lives, keeps working on us until we are the precious vessel, He designed us to be.
- The choices we make can contribute to our brokenness.
- It doesn't matter how you were raised or what choices you've made, you are still useful!
- Even when you fail, you are still useful. Even when you make a mistake, you are still useful. Even when the enemy leads you down a dark path, you are still useful. Even when you feel useless, you are still useful. Even when you hit rock bottom and feel like you have let everyone down especially Jesus, you are still useful.

Things To Ponder:

- See beyond what you see!
- Have you been broken? Have you felt you could no longer be useful for anything or to anyone? Have others thrown you away because somewhere in your travels you were damaged?
- You will recover from your failure!
- Your scars may represent what you have gone through, but they don't define your usefulness!

Apply What You Heard:

How can your scars help you be useful today? How can you be useful wherever God has you?

Reflect:

"Simon, Simon, how Satan has pursued you, that he might make you part of his harvest. But I have prayed for you. I have prayed that your faith will hold firm and that you will recover from your failure and become a source of strength for your brothers here."

Luke 22:31-32