



## Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

**Message Info:** Isn't It Ironic, 3/21/21 - The irony of grace is that we have it offered to us and we don't take it, or we take it but don't live in it. Instead we sit thinking more or better of the same broken stuff will fix our lives. Jesus offers us a new life, a full life. Time to stop holding on to things that hold us back and start trusting Him and stepping into the best life He has for us. (*Passages: John 10:7-11; Acts 3:1-11; Ephesians 2:4-5 NIRV*)

**Discussion Questions:** Take your time and dig into these questions.

It's a little bit ironic! What's something ironic that you find amusing? What's something ironic you find disheartening?

Read Acts 3:1-11. What sticks out to you from this passage and why?

The message listed 5 ways we get stuck and miss out on the best God has for us: 1) We insist on more of what isn't working. 2) We stop looking for God to show up. 3) We stop listening for God because of all the noise in our lives. 4) We are limited by low expectations. 5) We get lost in our past. Do you ever find yourself struggling with one of these? How so?

What's a story you can share about how God did something amazing in your life or the life of someone you know?

Read Ephesians 2:4-5 in the NIRV (google it on your phone). What are some one word adjectives you would use to describe the "new life" God gives us? If you are new to the faith or just curious...what are you hopeful to find in the Christian faith?

What is something you need to let go of to experience all God has for you? What is something you need to hold onto this week to experience all that God has for you?

**Group Challenge:** Adopt Sch. Haven or the Tremont Food Pantry. Collect some food to help support these amazing groups. Bring them to your next group. (Leaders contact Ruth - <u>ruth.e.torres0519@gmail.com</u> for more info!

