



MADE FOR MORE

Made For More - Week 3

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Made for More'. During this series we will be looking at seven lies that the enemy fires our way to separate us from God. This week Matt talks about the lie of Shame.

Shame is a gooey substance, a slimy shadow that tries to engulf you. It's a dark cloud that doesn't just come near you, it becomes you. It's important to understand that shame isn't the same as guilt. Guilt is the sense that I've done something wrong. Shame is the sense that there's something wrong with me. Shame is evil, but shame is not a sin.

Questions:

1. What happens when you fail or you feel inadequate, any time you make a mistake or we sin? What is the weapon that the enemy uses to attack God's creation? Genesis 2:25; Genesis 3:7-8
2. What happens when Satan uses shame as a weapon to destroy your identity? How do you respond when shame engulfs you and eclipses the light of God and keeps you from being all that God created you to be?
3. Why is it important that you can't overcome shame by positive thinking? Why does culture try to convince you that you can? What can you do then to overcome shame? How can you find your identity?
4. How was Zacchaeus a great example of No Matter How Worthless you Feel, Jesus sees You? Do you know that there has never been a moment when God wasn't watching over you? That every moment of every day He has His loving eyes on you? Luke 19:1-4

5. Why was it so important that Jesus looked up and called Zacchaeus by name? Do you believe that No Matter What Other People Say, Jesus Affirms You? How can it change how you view your identity to know that you are God's masterpiece? Luke 19:5
6. Because of who you are or what you've done, do you struggle to believe that you're good enough for God to love you? What changes in your perspective when you realize that No Matter What You've Done, Jesus Wants You? Luke 19:5-7
7. Did you know that God wants to be in your presence? How could your life change if shame disappears when you find your identity completely in God alone? Do you know that because of God's Grace you don't have to live in your shame, you were made for more?

Key Takeaway: *God isn't ashamed of you. He isn't disappointed in you. God delights in you. He delights in relational closeness with you. He's constantly running toward you. And as you begin to embrace that, shame begins to dissipate. Your identity is based on what you think the most important person in your life thinks about you. God delights in you. I know who I am because I know who You are!*

Summary:

- You can't overcome shame by positive thinking
- Shame starts as an emotional, physical, mental reaction to feeling exposed or vulnerable
- Satan uses shame to destroy your identity, venomous shame engulfs you, shame becomes your identity
- No Matter How Worthless you Feel, Jesus sees You
- No Matter What Other People Say, Jesus Affirms You
- No Matter What You've Done, Jesus Wants You
- Shame disappears when you find your identity in God