

## May 17 Discussion Guide

### Masked Week 2

1. Describe a time in your life when you tried to fix something...but suspected the "fix" wouldn't work.
2. We all have brokenness in our lives- and we all tend to try to fix them. There are three ways we try to fix them: checking out (escapism), cleaning up (moral improvement), and clearing out (dumping our current life and reinventing ourselves). Which "fix" are you most likely to run towards?
3. Do you think certain kinds of brokenness lend themselves to a particular type of "fix"? Why or why not?
4. The fix creates problems worse than the original brokenness. King David found this out when he committed adultery with Bathsheba...and his "fix" ultimately led to murder. When that was uncovered, his family was wrecked by death and suffering. Why do you think it's the case that the fix creates worse problems?
5. If that's true...then why do we still try to "fix" things?
6. Read Psalm 51:16-17 and discuss the following:
  - a. David recognized there was nothing he could do to "fix" his brokenness. Why is this so difficult for us to accept as true?
  - b. Why is it absolutely true that nothing we do can "fix it"?
  - c. The turning point is when we embrace falling apart: a heart that accepts it is broken and crushed over that brokenness. Why is embracing "falling apart" actually THE THING needed to step into something new?
7. How does the Gospel inform our need to embrace our "falling apart"?
8. Why is it important to realize that Jesus didn't come to fix us, but to give us a new life?
9. How do we reconcile the fact that the "new" with Jesus starts at salvation and is complete at that time- yet at the same it's incomplete in our present lives and is a step by step process of "becoming new" for the rest of our lives?