

## BROKEN: SANCTIFICATION SESSION SIX | NOVEMBER 1 & 2

Last week we focused on a critical part of the "Broken pathway." Though all brokenness moves through shock, struggle and sorrow, there comes a point in our journey where we choose which way we will go. To move beyond being stuck at sorrow, a person must surrender. A person who surrenders to God through Jesus can begin the process of rebuilding. This rebuilding is specifically in the image and likeness of Christ and it is called SANCTIFICATION.

Watch the Video Summary of This Week's Sermon at www.christchurchil.org/broken under the Study Guide tab

Describe a time in your life when you felt like you were operating at your best.



## **OUESTIONS**

- 1. Read Ephesians 4:12-16 and Colossians 1:15-17, 19. Based on what you read in these verses, what would you say is God's goal for those who are in Christ (in the Body of Christ)? What does this mean?
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 advises that we should, "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith, test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you unless, of course you fail the test?"
- 2. Outside of a profession of faith, what activities, character traits, habits, behaviors or attitudes do you think distinguish someone as "Christian?" Would you say there is such a thing as GOOD or BAD Christians, or are all Christians equal?
- 3. Imagine someone new to the church heard Pastor Mike reference the spectrum of -5 to +5. How would you help them understand its meaning? OR how would you explain the diagram below to a stranger? Why is this graphic a helpful visual for people in the church?



- 4. What have you learned, practiced or experienced that most helped you to grow in Christlikeness? (toward +5) Describe the things in your life that help you grow faster than if you tried growing through church attendance alone? (Hint: Consider the church values of Worship, Connect, Grow, Serve and Share)
- 5. While there are ways we can impact our growth, Pastor Mike's sermon mentioned 4 particular ways that growth can be catalyzed: The Holy Spirit, The Bible, Other People, Trials/Suffering. Which, if any, of these have caused you to move through a season of particularly rapid growth?
- 6. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Of the nine "fruits of the Spirit," which would you say is best reflected in your life? Which is starting to grow in your life right now? Which is an area you would want God's Spirit to start to grow or nurture more of in you?