Ew. Choosing Jesus in the Mess

Letting Go: The Commitment Choice, to consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Memory Verse: Matthew 5:5 - "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." ESV

1. Let go of self-sufficiency and receive the <u>blessings</u> of following Jesus completely. *Matthew 11:28-30*

Blessings for the meek:

• **Joy:** John 15:10-11

• Peace & Rest: Psalm 37:11

• Global Impact & Eternal Inheritance: Psalm 2:8

• Our heart's desires: Psalm 37:4

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs, ask yourself what makes you come alive and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive."

- Howard Thurman

2. Let go of the <u>hindrances</u> the keeps you from following Jesus completely.

Pride: 1 Peter 5:5; Proverbs 10:8Guilt: Psalm 40:12; Romans 8:1

• Fear: 1 John 4:18; Joshua 1:9; Matthew 28:20

Worry: Matthew 6:27Doubt: Hebrews 11:6

3. Let Jesus take the <u>wheel</u> of your life (with 4 choices to...)

- Commit to God's Son as your Savior. Acts 16:31
- Commit to God's Word as your standard. 2 Timothy 3:16
- Commit to God's Will as your purpose. Psalm 40:8; Colossians 1:9
- Commit to God's Power as your strength. Phil. 4:13

Next Week's Reading Guide:

Matthew 5:8; 2 Samuel 12

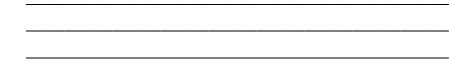
Leviticus 5:1-6; Proverbs 28:13

Psalm 51:1-17

Psalm 32; James 5:16

Psalm 38; Isaiah 57:15

Psalm 66:16-20; Romans 10:9-10 1 John 1:5-10; Matthew 10:32



Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is a hurt, a hang-up, or a habit you most want Jesus' help with?
- 2. What is your favorite benefit from trusting Jesus with your life?
- 3. In light of Psalm 37:4, what are the desires God has put in your heart?
- 4. What hinders you most from trusting Jesus in your life? (Pride, Guilt, Fear, Worry, Doubt)
- 5. Of the four commitments listed in point 3, which one is Jesus speaking to you about?