



“Addiction”

John 4:5-29; Philippians 3:4-6; Jeremiah 2:13-14

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read John 4:5-29; Philippians 3:4-6; Jeremiah 2:13-14. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 “No family is left untouched by the horrors of addiction.” Is that true for your family?
- 2 Summarize the *Big Idea* of the sermon in *one phrase or sentence* (Note: this is not the same as listing the main points). In other words, if someone woke you up at 3am on Monday morning and asked, “What was the sermon about on Sunday?” what would you say in the midst of your sleepy haze?

THE DEFINITION OF ADDICTION

- 3 How is addiction idol worship? What was the apostle Paul’s idol? What was the woman at the well’s idol?

- 4 Anything can become an addiction. What examples did Adam give? Can you think of other things that can become idols/addictions? Everybody loves something too much. What do you love too much?

THE DESTRUCTION OF ADDICTION

- 5 Addiction results in denial. What truths do addicts deny?
- 6 Addiction destroys the individual, the ability to enjoy life, and our relationships. How have you seen this happen in yourself or in someone else? How is Romans 7:18-20 a picture of addiction? How was C.S. Lewis' character, Edmund, a picture of an addict?
- 7 Adam talked about the "gift" of addiction. How could addiction ever be considered a gift?

THE DELIVERANCE FROM ADDICTION

- 8 Why is community necessary for deliverance from addiction? Have you ever experienced the life-saving power of community?
- 9 Author Sharon Herscht talked about her "drunk Sharon" moment. What was that all about?
- 10 In your own words, how are our wounds healed by Jesus' wounds?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- ✠ How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?