

## **THE TALK PT. 2 DISCUSSION**

As you engage in this discussion, follow the Spirit's leading and share your thoughts as you reflect on the message. You can work through the discussion by reading Scripture and reflecting on a couple of questions and points from the message.

Scriptures referenced:

- Matthew 9:10-11
- 1 Corinthians 5:1-2
- Romans 16:17-18
- Ephesians 4:15
- John 16:7-8
- Ephesians 2:14-15
- John 13:34-35
- Matthew 9:12-13

### **A FEW QUESTIONS TO PONDER DURING YOUR DISCUSSION:**

- What was most challenging about the message? Share your response or reaction to it. What parts are you wrestling with?
- What was most encouraging? What verses or thoughts spoke to you?
- What implications do these Scriptures have for our lives and faith?
- What does the message illuminate about God's character? What does it tell us about the nature of people?

### **A FEW POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

**(As your group reflects on the message and questions above, here are a few ideas and statements to help inform your discussion)**

- Scott told two stories of pastors who faced backlash recently. What did you think of the stories of Andy Stanley and Alistair Begg? Comment on it. These pastors were critiqued because of their posture, not their position.
- When we talk about sex, we're talking about people. And as people, we're messy. A lot of times, in our desire to be holy, churches avoid the mess.
- Jesus modeled stepping into the mess. He breaks all the rules to be with people and embraces all kinds of people.
- We often think if we tell someone the truth, it's the loving thing to do (Eph 4:15). But just because you're speaking the truth doesn't mean it's loving. It takes discernment, care, and compassion.

-Our job is not to convict someone. That's the job of the Spirit. When we make conviction our job, we pile on guilt and shame. This is not the heart of Jesus. Jesus never piles guilt and shame onto people.

-Consider this famous quote by an early Christian author named Tertullian:  
*"Look . . . how they love one another, for they themselves (pagans) hate one another; and how they are ready to die for each other, for they themselves (pagans) are readier to kill each other."*

-Christians loved each other in a divided, angry, and dying world. This is our same invitation today.

-The early church was a mess, but they opened up space and trusted the Spirit to work. As a Center Set Church, we constantly return to the center, Jesus. We want to reach for the ideal but love in all things.

### **CLOSING: PRAY FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR GROUP**

- Feel free to circle back to any points or verses shared above.
- Conclude your time in prayer.
- You can also find additional resources at [fcchb.com/recap](http://fcchb.com/recap)
- How does this message lead you to pray?