



FACILITATOR GUIDE

Session 12: My Son, Jonathan

Primary Presentation Objective

- Help men understand the infinite depths of God's merciful love. With repentance, there is no sin that exhausts his mercy.

Secondary Presentation Objectives

- Enter more deeply into the reality and pain of an abortion from a man's perspective.
- A recognition that God desires to shine through our woundedness. In our weakness, He is strong.

Essential Small Group Goals

- Facilitate a sobering discussion on the reality and great scandal of abortion.
- Foster a loving and non-judgmental environment where men encounter God's mercy and forgiveness as opposed to the condemnation of the devil.
- Encourage men with any serious sins to get to confession and begin the pathway to healing, forgiveness and freedom.

Questions from Video Presentation

- Have you ever made a decision in your life that you know was wrong and sinful in nature and instead of bringing it to Confession, you felt that your best "path forward" was burying it deep inside your heart in an attempt to avoid the pain? Were you successful in your attempt to alleviate the pain? If not, what can you do now to lift the burden?
- Have you ever brought a mortal sin to confession and received God's unconditional forgiveness, only to turn around and not forgive yourself for the transgression? How do you think God views your lack of personal forgiveness?

Supplemental Questions

- What struck you from Jeff's story?
- Do you trust that God's mercy is greater than any sin you have ever committed?
- Do you have sins you have not forgiven yourself for?

Next Week!

- Speaker: Fr. Leo Patalinghug Topic: The Kingdom is Like Weeds Among the Wheat

OPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR NEXT SESSION

Scripture: Matthew 13

Religious: Wounded Healer

