

Podcast Worksheet
Jesus Loves the Bad Girl: Does God Care About Me?

Scriptural Texts:

Psalm 145; Luke 7:36-50

Main Points:

1. Jesus is not a character in a story book; he is a real person who knows you and cares about you.
2. Healing happens within a relationship with Jesus, by making transactions with him through prayer.
3. It matters to Jesus that you do life together.
4. The promises of God to always hear our cries, be near us, and be gracious apply to everyone, individually, even to you.
5. The world's opinion of you doesn't matter in the least to Jesus; he sees you as the wonderful person he made you to be.
6. Jesus knows your story and he accepts you as you are.
7. Jesus is the answer for your true need.

Questions:

1. What opinion do you think Jesus has of you? Are these beliefs true or false?

2. What aspects of your life make it difficult for you to believe Jesus accepts you? Draw a cross over each thing you wrote and then say out loud: *"Jesus forgives me; Jesus accepts me."*

3. Read Psalm 145. As you do, add your name to each promise. For example, verses 19-20, *"He fulfills the desires of Cyndy; he hears Cyndy's cries and saves her. The Lord watches over Cyndy."*

Prayer of Response:

Lord God, it has been a struggle to believe you accept me. In fact, too often I've believed the lie that you don't want me, that you see me as damaged goods. Forgive me for doubting your love. Today I choose to believe the truth and accept your love for me. Remind me daily to live in this truth. In Jesus name, amen.

Commitment: After prayerful meditation on this podcast, I am going to _____
