

# BACK



GOD'S PLAN TO BRING US BACK FROM THE THINGS  
THAT TRIP US UP AND TAKE US DOWN.

**"MARY MAGDALENE. BONDAGE,  
ADDICTION."**

**LUKE 8:2-3**

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## *THE BIG IDEA*

"Addiction is bondage to the rule of substance, activity, or state of mind, which then becomes the center of life, defending itself from the truth so that even bad consequences don't bring repentance, and leading to further estrangement from God." - Ed Welch

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" - John 10:10

There is a lot of strongholds in the world the weapons we fight with are not of this world, on the contrary they have divine power to demolish strongholds! (2 Cor. 10:4-5); Good news is "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them triumphing over them by the cross" Colossians 2:15

## GETTING STARTED

- What was a key idea or metaphor or “nugget” that you took away from the sermon? Any phrase or example that hit home?
- From bondage to freedom - where have you experienced Jesus working in your bondage or in the bondage of a loved one?

## LEARNING & LIVING OUT SCRIPTURE

*Together, read THE SCRIPTURE OF THE SERMON*

- What stood out to you the most about the scripture reading?
- What can we learn from the freedom brought to Mary Magdalene?
- How does God change us?

## LIVING OUT "REAL LIFE"

- What do you do when you can't see past the stronghold?
- *What steps can you take this week to open your mind and heart in believing that Christ has truth? To believe that he has power? To believe that he can set you free?*
- *Meditate and pray through 2 Corinthians 10:4-5 this week. What does it look like for you to take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ this week?*

**SHARING & PRAYER REQUESTS** (for the small group to share with each other). This may be the most important part of your time together - to enter the throne room of our Lord together, sharing burdens, celebrations, carrying one another.

