Jack and Jill – Just Jill

Weekend Discussion Questions February 9-10, 2013

Community:

1. When was the first time you heard the word "divorce," and what was your understanding of it? In what way(s) has your life been affected by divorce?

Core:

- 1. Scott used the phrase this weekend, "Sin is not always the effect of divorce, but sin is always the cause of divorce." What does that phrase mean? What are some real-life examples of both parts of that phrase?
- 2. How would you describe the "legacy of divorce" in our culture? In your own life?
- 3. In John 4:17, Jesus calls out truth to the woman at the well about her own life. What are the advantages of God pointing out the truth about our sin? Looking at Jesus' conversation with the woman, point out the places where Jesus offers grace to her?
- 4. Think about the phrase, "Grace cannot be without Truth." Why is that true?
- 5. What are some of the commonly cited reasons that we seek divorce? In your own experience, or the experience of those close to you, what are some of the problems that come **following** divorce?
- 6. Take some time and read Ephesians 5:22-33. List the things kids would learn about marriage if this were the example they saw. What are the things kids could learn about Jesus if they observed this type of marriage?
- 7. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. How might this scripture apply to handling the challenges of solo parenting?
- 8. Romans 8:35-39 holds amazing promise for followers of Jesus, married, single or divorced. Talk about situations in your own life where you have held onto the promise of Jesus' love in the midst of difficulty.
- 9. Scott's mom said: "Paddle hard and let Jesus choose the course." List some things that you do, or could do, to "paddle hard." What would it look like, in your everyday life, to allow Jesus to choose the course?

Challenge:

1. If you're a single mom, consider attending the workshop Saturday 2/16 at 6:45 p.m. or Sunday 2/17 at 10:45 a.m. in the West End Auditorium.