Jack and Jill – Just Jack

Weekend Discussion Questions February 16-17, 2013

Community:

1. What's the craziest thing you ever did as a kid, or ever witnessed a kid doing?

Core:

- 1. In John 4:16-26, Jesus points out some hard truth to the Samaritan woman about her life. He tells her in verse 26 that He is the messiah she's been looking for. How would that revelation affect the truth he just pointed out about her past?
- 2. What's been the hardest thing for you to work through in the course of the "Jack and Jill" series? Has there been anything that's really changed your way of thinking?
- 3. This week, Scott used the phrase "Failure is uniquely hard for men to deal with." Talk about what that phrase means. Are there any examples where you've seen that truth play out in your own family?
- 4. When either men or women find their identities in their marriage, what types of pressure does that put on their spouses? What are some of the consequences if the marriage fails?
- 5. What are some ways divorce changes the impact fathers have in their kids' lives? Do you have specific examples of that in your own life or the lives of your children?
- 6. Think about the idea of God, as your heavenly father, defining who you are as a person and as a parent. How successful have you been living in that truth? How would that truth change the impact you have on your kids' lives?
- 7. Read Joel 2:12-13. Are there places in your life where you may need to change directions to avoid the destruction of relationships with your spouse, ex-spouse, kids, etc.? What are some first steps in that change of direction?
- 8. Can you think of examples of God's grace in your life, where He's redeemed mistakes, bad decisions or destruction caused by someone else?

Challenge:

- 1. If you're a man, is there a place in your life where God is asking you to step up and "be something to someone?"
- 2. If you're a married dad, a single dad, or just a guy, come to *The Trail* men's Bible study on Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m. in the West End Auditorium, and continue this discussion.