

This July

STARTING OVER

*How to ensure next time
won't be like last time*





LIFEGROUPS

Series: Starting Over

Scriptures: Genesis 3:8-13

Date: July 9 & 10, 2016

—[LET'S START]—

- Please pray over the recent shootings. Pray for God-honoring morality to rise in this nation and a return to civility.

—[LET'S WARM UP]—

- Do people like to talk about their past? Is it usually positive or negative?
- What is one of your proudest moments of owning up to your past?
- Why do people blame other people and things? If it's true, is it ever a good thing?
- Have you ever blamed someone or something and it backfired?

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- Read 2 Chronicles 33:1-17 and discuss taking ownership of the past.
 1. What do you notice about the first part of Manasseh's reign?
 2. What did God ask of Manasseh? How did Manasseh and the people react?
 3. What did Manasseh do to start over? Could he have done so sooner?
 4. How were things different when Manasseh returned? Why?
- Read Matthew 18:12-14, 1 John 1:8-9 and discuss how God treats us when we take ownership.
 1. Why would the shepherd be happier about the return of the one sheep?
 2. How do Jesus' words in Mt. 18:14 encourage you to own instead of blame?
 3. What are the dangers of blaming other people and things for past issues?
 4. What hope and promise do we have when we own up to our sins and mistakes?

—[LET'S ACT]—

- **Enter the Re-Purpose for a Reason Auction!** --- Find it, Make it, Release it!
- Do you have a treasure stashed away in a closet or basement? When you see abandoned furniture, do you think, "Opportunity?" This month we invite you to re-purpose something that has been forgotten or broken, and give it to Wooddale to put in a **Silent Auction the weekend of July 30/31**. Your whole LifeGroup could work together on a project! The proceeds will go to our Compassion Ministry, helping people in need through local ministries such as The Sheridan Story. Take pictures and post them on social media with **#Repurpose**
- Be sure to check out the Wooddale Week for all the details!

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