

DISCUSSION: [Acts 20:17-24](#)

(Discuss the question cluster below - as much or as little as works for your group)

Feel free to break off into smaller groups if it helps you share more personally

We're continuing a sermon series called, "The Life of the Church." In it we'll focus on what it means to be the church through Henri Nouwen's picture of the Christian life as being like the Lord's Supper or 'Communion': *Chosen, Broken, Blessed, Given*. We'll spend two weeks on each concept (Chosen, Broken, Blessed, Given) of that picture to help us know what it means to be the church and what the church is called to do in our world.

- I. This week, we continued looking at the concept of *brokenness* for the life of the church. Our passage (Acts 20:17-24) helped us start to understand what it means to accept brokenness with the power of the Holy Spirit. We talked about: 1) Being at a crossroads of brokenness; 2) Accepting brokenness; and 3) the Power for accepting brokenness. Let's discuss how these things impact our lives.
 - A. What connected with you from the sermon or from the passage?
 - B. What's a situation you've recently faced (or are facing) that has some brokenness in it? Work? Family? Health? Friends?
 1. *How might it help you face that to remember you have such a strong supporter in the Holy Spirit with you in it?*
 2. *Where / at what times do you need to remember that the Holy Spirit is with you more than you currently do?*
 - C. Have you gone through anything today or the past few days that could feel like a frustration or a loss? What's a word you would use to describe a church where it really felt like it was okay not to be perfect; to be broken?
 1. *Is there a way you can treat some part of that with acceptance- as a means of preparing you for a greater struggle with brokenness in the future?*
 2. *How would the way you feel or think about that change if you did?*
 - D. What help do you need from the Holy Spirit to start moving towards accepting some brokenness that comes with being a Christian in a broken world?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the new CTK Building Crew! This volunteer team will serve alongside the deacons in helping with building access, setup, and use for Sunday services and other events. If you are a member of CTK and like serving behind the scenes, want to learn more about the diaconate or the building, or feel called to help facilitate CTK services and events, then this is for you! There will be a training on Sat July 15th from 10:30am-12pm (make-up options available). Please contact deacons@ctkcambridge.org with questions or interest.