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## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 4 – THROW AWAY YOUR CRUTCHES FOR THE CROSS

You have heard it said, religion is just a crutch, but I say to you, recognize your crutches, \_\_\_\_\_ your brokenness, and learn to walk with a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ toward the Cross of Jesus!

\_\_\_\_\_ is broken

Broken people \_\_\_\_\_ they need help

Broken people can be put back together through the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

God's broken people can be used to be a great \_\_\_\_\_ to others

### **DIGGING DEEPER:**

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1. How has your own sin or the sin of others hurt you deeply? Honestly, how you did you cope with the pain?
2. What would you tell someone who has experienced “self-inflicted” relational, emotional, spiritual, or economic pain that would bring them hope?
3. What would you tell someone or do for someone who has experienced severe brokenness due to a societal or personal injustice?
4. When Pastor Rich mentioned people who “walk with a spiritual limp”, what’s the first thing that came to your mind from your personal experience? Share a bit....
5. What are some ways you have grown in your faith as a result of loss, pain, suffering or brokenness?
6. What do you feel leads some people to believe that Christians are “weak-minded,” or “emotionally feeble”?
7. Share a brief story of someone you know who was “put back together through the Cross-work of Jesus”.
8. How has (is) God used your brokenness to be a blessing to another person?