

Who Am I?

Guilt says, "I made a mistake, I sinned." *

Shame says, "I am the mistake." *

Questions:

- 1. Can you sense the difference between guilt and shame?
- 2. Do you feel guilty?
- 3. Do you feel shame? If yes, what is it that you believe about yourself?
- 4. If you are a Christian, what is the truth about yourself?
- 5. Can you relate to the thoughts feelings action progression?

Consider:

- 1. Is it easier to indulge in sexual lust when you believe you are a mistake or when you believe that you are a holy child of God?
- 2. In order to change your feelings, your thoughts need to change. What are ways to reorient your thinking about yourself?
- 3. Do you have a hard time believing the identity truths listed on the poster are true about you?

Challenge:

- 1. Recite the SelfTalk truths to yourself every day.
- 2. When you are in temptation, remind yourself of your identity in Christ.
- 3. When you are in temptation, reach out to an accountability partner and have them speak identity truths into your life.

For our next meeting:

1. Report back on your recitation of identity truths. Did you do it daily? Do you have some memorized? Did you question their truth?

^{*}Definitions taken from Be Broken ministries.