



**Special Guest Speaker Tullian Tchividjian**  
**Questions for Life Groups and Personal Reflection**

**Personal Life:**

1. After hearing from Tullian's story of fulfillment and failure, success and sin, what were your overall impressions of his message?
2. Have you ever felt so shameful over something in your life that you felt like you couldn't open up to anyone about it, whether it was something self-inflicted or the result of someone else's wrong choices?

**Ponderings:**

3. When a Christian leader (or any believer for that matter) falls into sin that could be considered "disqualifying" from ministry, what are your personal views about the possibility of restoration? Discuss...
4. To what extent are your views based upon your understanding of Scripture, versus the extent to which they are based upon your emotions, past experiences or assumptions, and why is it important? Discuss...
5. Why do you think God decided not to "edit out" the dark and sinful seasons in the stories of our Biblical heroes such as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, Rahab, Mary Magdalene, Paul, Peter, etc.? Discuss...
6. How do we seek to honor both the Biblical passages that speak about "desirable qualities of spiritual leaders" with those that speak about the mandate to pursue restoration whenever possible? Why do you think the New Testament embraces this tension?

**Promptings:**

7. What were the parts of Tullian's message that served as gracious warnings to you? What were the parts that gave you hope concerning God's unconditional forgiveness in your own life?
8. In the week ahead, how can you intentionally and more deeply embrace God's unconditional grace for yourself, as well as be a conduit of that grace to someone who is challenging the extent of your love right now? Share with your group safely and confidentially...