

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE IN YOUR PERSONAL STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

Message Recap: Former Denver Broncos linebacker, Karl Mecklenburg, shared his father's inspiring story of optimism and love, along with a few other stories, to help illustrate God's kindness and forgiveness for us. His message helps us discover how God's values can transform our lives and deepen our relationships with him today.

Main Points

- Team Doctor
- Turkey Hunt
- Film Study
- The Craziest Play

Setting Started

• Talk about a man who has positively impacted your life and who you are today. Why is that?

»Observation

- Read and reflect on Philippians 4:8; Jeremiah 9:23-24
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? How are you encouraged? Why?

» Questions for Reflection and Discussion

- Karl shared several stories in his message. Which story stuck out to you the most? What was it about that story that you connected with?
- Karl asked the question, "When God forgives us of our sins and mistakes, do we forgive ourselves?" How would you respond?
- Reread Jeremiah 9:23-24. What does it mean to "boast" in wisdom, strength, and riches? What does God delight in? What would it look like to "boast" about those things instead?
- The world's ball: God's ball: the one that doesn't belong or make any sense kindness, justice, righteousness, charity, love, forgiveness. Which ball do you spend more time chasing after?

Next Steps and Prayer

- Even if you are running away from God, please know he's never running away from you. He can be trusted. All you need to do is stop running and know that he has already forgiven you, even for the things you haven't forgiven yourself for.
- Close by thanking God for his kindness, justice, righteousness, and forgiveness.

