



## Part 2: Coming to Terms

During childhood, you may have been handed a faith framework through which you began to view the world. For a lot of us, that childhood framework didn't survive the rigors of adulthood. It's not enough to say, "The Bible says..." in the face of real-life tragedy. Adults often need a new starting point.

But the starting point for Christian faith isn't, "The Bible says..." It's better than that. It's Jesus.

### Discussion Questions

- What's a term, or phrase, that you use in your profession that others would think odd/wouldn't understand if they heard it?
- Why do you think our culture is uncomfortable with the word "sin"?
- What kind of reaction does the word "sin" stir in you? What do you associate with it? Are you more tempted to call your "sin" a "mistake"? Why/why not?
- How do you respond to the consequences of having done something wrong?
- During the message, Chris spoke about the idea that, "*Jesus' agenda in point out our sin was not condemnation but restoration.*" Is that statement difficult for you to believe? Why or why not?
- Read Luke 15:11-32. What's most surprising to you about this parable? How does it challenge the way you view God?
- Do you resist the idea that you are a sinner? Is there something offensive about that? If so, why? If not, why not?

### Moving Forward

Those who knew Jesus best tell us that he is the starting point of faith. He came to bridge the gap created by our sin—not our unintentional mistakes, but our sin. Recognizing our sin paves the way to restoration and redemption.