SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS
for Saints and Scoundrels in the Story of Jesus

1. How did studying these different Bible characters teach you about Christ?

2. When we think of “saints,” often we think of people who are sinless, or seem close to it. How does the Bible define a “saint”?

3. You write that “Jesus comes from a long line of outsiders, outlaws, scoundrels, and sinners.” Why is knowing this helpful for Christians today?

4. We can look at some amazing conversion stories in the Bible, like Paul’s, and wonder why change in our own lives doesn’t look more like that. What would you say to someone who is frustrated at how little progress they’ve made in their spiritual lives and wishes for a bigger or different story?

5. The story of Barabbas is one of the most vivid presentations of the principle of substitution in the Bible. What are some other ways the Bible presents this principle and why is it important?

6. We’re all hypocrites to some degree, perhaps telling people we’ll pray for them (even though we don’t), or judging others for their attitudes and justifying our own. Who is an example of a hypocrite in the Bible and what can we learn from them?

7. In one chapter you juxtapose Mary, who anoints Jesus, and Judas, who has seemingly thrown his life away. Why did you choose to pair those characters together, and what do they teach us about the Christian life?

8. What was your biggest takeaway from studying these different characters in the Bible?

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