Growth Group Curriculum SUMMER SEMESTER 2023

The Heart of Jesus - Week 2 - Relationships

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REVIEW

- 1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
- 2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

MY STORY

- 1. Can you recall one of the worst mistakes you made as a kid?
 - a. Did you receive any grace in that situation?

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- 1. Read Luke 17:3-10; If this parable were about you, how would you react to being called an "unworthy servant" who is being called to offer unlimited forgiveness?
- 2. What is the connection between Jesus teaching on forgiveness (vv. 3-4) and his response to his disciples about faith and duty (vv. 6-10)?
- 3. What are the specific steps listed in Jesus' command to forgive and how is this different from the ways we have thought of forgiveness?
- 4. Read Leviticus 19:17-18; See if your Growth Group can decide what the phrase "rebuke your neighbor frankly" means in the context of loving your neighbor as yourself?
- 5. Read Matthew 20:28; how does Jesus' life as a servant transform your understanding of what it means to forgive?

6. We are called to be people of reconciliation and peace, yet we often find ourselves in situations where a lack of forgiveness has alienated us from those who have wronged us. What are some practical steps we can take to reach out to those who have sinned against us?

Pray:

Thank you God that you forgive me endlessly. I praise you that Jesus humbled Himself and became a servant who gave Himself for my salvation, that I might share in the riches of God's inheritance. Father, my heart is often hard towards others and I forget the grace that has been lavished on me. I'm prone to hold grudges and to disobey Jesus' command to freely forgive. Father open my eyes to your grace and mercy so that I can forgive others and seek reconciliation in my broken relationships. Help me understand Jesus' humility and service so that I can follow Him and be generous with others, especially those who wrong me. - Amen

Prayer Requests:

Important dates:

- September 17- Outreach Festival
- October 1 Fall Groups Start
- November 19 New To Crossroads Lunch