

TALK IT OVER

SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

Note to the Host: Thanks for leading your group and being willing to create community! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic.

ICEBREAKER:

- What is your favorite Christmas movie? Least favorite?

QUESTIONS:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. In this time, feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows and don't feel pressed to get through them all if running long.

1. When you hear the word "forgiveness" what initially comes to your mind?
2. Who are the people in my past that are still negatively influencing my future?
3. Where have there been times that I decided to extend grace/forgiveness that has helped me move forward in a healthy manner?
 - Share with your group what that process looked like for you?
4. What is an area that someone might say, "I would've never known that about you?"
5. **READ Luke 7:36-50:** In verse 47 it says, "but he who is forgiven little, loves little" How does forgiving and releasing the past allow you to love differently?
6. Pain, Anger or Pride, which of these do I struggle with the most when it comes to forgiveness?
7. Forgiveness doesn't mean restored relationships in all circumstances. How is forgiveness still valuable? Do you have a story or example this has been played out in your life?
8. Who in your life needs forgiven generally and specifically?
9. Who currently still has a foothold in my heart that I need to pardon?
 - Make a list this week of how they wronged you and what they owe you.

NEXT STEPS:

- Talk with your group and plan when you will gather around the holidays?
 - What Candlelight service will your families attend? Which ones will your serve?
- Who are the three people that I will invite to our candlelight services? (Write their names below and pray for them as a group)
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences! Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group.

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share.
- Encourage and welcome all praise reports!
- Have someone type your requests up so the group can recall them throughout the week.

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