



Group Lesson

Good & Bad, Guilt & Free

May 31, 2015

You asked for it. We have questions that we've been waiting for someone in the church to talk about, and now is the time. Throughout this series we'll answer the questions that YOU want answered. Now is the time for answers.

How was the experience for the person you brought for *Bring A Friend, Get A T-Shirt*? Do you think they will be a part of the 25,000 in 2025 God has called us to reach? Why?

Read John 8:1-11. Have you ever struggled to move forward due to your past? Do you feel like the past still defines you? Why? Can you relate to the woman in the story and the condemnation others placed on her? Explain. Read verse 1 and 11 again. Share how God's love and grace has helped you live beyond the things you've done.

God's forgiveness for us is better than we deserve. Read John 12:47, Matthew 18:21-22, and Colossians 3:13. Discuss this statement, "When I give to others what God gives me, it helps us both." Why is it difficult to forgive others? Is there someone you need to offer forgiveness regardless of being deserving? Explain. How can God's example of forgiveness for you help? How can the group help? This can be very difficult for some. Pray together for anyone struggling to forgive and that is hurting.

Read Genesis 50:20 and Romans 8:28. No matter our circumstances we must stay the course in following Jesus. Share a story where God used something you thought bad and used it for good. Share stories of how you have seen God use your past to make a difference in the life of someone else.

Pray together for a greater understanding of God's love and forgiveness for us. Pray for our ability to offer forgiveness to others. Pray for opportunities for God to use our experiences for His purpose of *Changing Lives that Impact the World*.

Note: If you aren't in a community group, let us know you want to take that next step. Email us at NextSteps@communitychurch.info. Group is not about a meeting, but instead people coming together to build relationships with each other and Jesus while they do this thing called life. No matter where you find yourself in life, there is a group that is right for you, and we'll help you find it.