

Group Life.

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What stood out to you most about the story of Louie Zamperini and his journey of forgiveness?

OR

Often, our family of origin helps shape our ability to give or receive forgiveness. How was forgiveness expressed in your family of origin and how has that influenced your life?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Read Luke 7:36-50.

What most stood out to you from this week's sermon?

What is the connection between being tender-hearted and being a forgiving person (Eph. 4:2)?

INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Luke 7:41-50. How many truths, lessons or principles can you and your group draw from this parable?

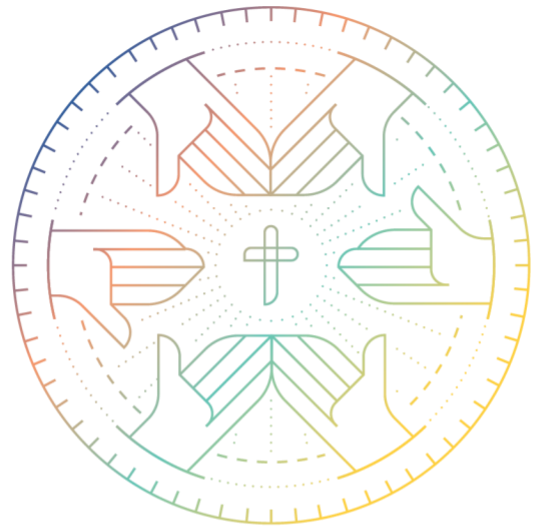
Read Psalm 51:1-12. What does this passage teach us about God? ...about ourselves? ...about sin and forgiveness?

Read 1 John 1:9. How have you practiced the spiritual discipline of confession? Daily? Whenever needed? What impact might it have on your relationship with God and the people around you if you became comfortable with confession as part of your daily experience of God?

Read Matthew 6:14-15. Jared mentioned in his message this is a "heavy" statement. Why? What are the heavy implications of this passage?

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APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

Have you experienced God's forgiveness? How does that affect your ability and willingness to forgive others?

What do you think are the keys to being able to release bitterness and resentment when you've been wronged?

Is your small group a trusting and loving community in which you can share challenges you have with regard to giving and receiving forgiveness? Is there an issue you are facing or struggling with that you're willing to share with your group for prayer and encouragement?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, grant us hearts of forgiveness, for we have received Your boundless mercy. Teach us to let go of bitterness and offenses and embrace compassion. May our actions reflect the forgiveness You've shown us, that we may share Your love and understanding to all those around us. Amen.