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LifeNotes

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Session IX Week 6

Week 3: The Way of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14, Psalm 51 -- Read the scriptures before your LifeGroup meets

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Getting to Know One Another... What is your favorite thing to do in Tucson or the surrounding area?

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

As you were reading through Psalm 51, were there any particular verses that stood out to you and you would like to remember? What was it about them?

Read Psalm 51:4 Given what we know of David's life (lust, adultery, murder) why do you think he says to God "Against you, and you only, have I sinned..." Perhaps we need to define sin.

If David is correct in his prayer, and sin is only against God, why are people so damaged by it? How might this change your approach to changing others or improving your world?

More....

Read Ps. 51:5. Does this verse align with the world’s view of sin? Do you view sin differently now than you did, say, when you were in your teens? How?

David prays to be “whiter than snow.” Do you agree that guilt is almost as destructive as sin? Why or why not? (Maybe you need to define guilt).

Respond to this statement: “If you don’t leave guilt behind, the mission of God is compromised.” What are the implications of that in your life? Read Micah 7:8-9

How does this help you understand God’s view of guilt?

Why is it so difficult to let go of guilt? Do you have experience with that? What is the role of pride?

Read Colossians 1:13-14 In order to be rescued, to have redemption, we must admit all guilt. Is there an alternative?

This past week, in “Taking It Home,” you were encouraged to find someone with whom to share your struggles with forgiveness, and pray together. Have you followed through?

Taking It Home...

Have you admitted all guilt and asked Jesus to rescue you?

Daily Readings

Day 1		Isaiah 43:25
Day 2		Romans 8:1
Day 3		1 John 1:9
Day 4		Jeremiah 33:8
Day 5		Galatians 3:1-3
Day 6		Psalms 32:1-5
Day 7		2 Corinthians 7:9-10