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session 13

CONFESSIONS

as you go

These are simple questions to ask your students as you go home from church or go about your weekly activities.

.01 How does it feel to confess when you know you have done something wrong? Is this easy for you to do?

.02 Why is it important to confess our wrongs to the people we have harmed or disobeyed?

family DEVOTION

Consider following up with your student later in the week with the following summary and discussion questions.

summary: DANIEL 9:4-19

Confessing how we have sinned and done wrong is never fun, but this is an important part of growing in humility and integrity. In fact, God calls His people to a practice of regular confession and repentance as part of our walk with Him. In the first few verses of Daniel 9, Daniel reported that he had been reading the words of the prophet Jeremiah, and learned that the time of his people's exile in Babylon would soon be ending. This led Daniel to pray a prayer of repentance, confession, and supplication (humbly asking for something) on behalf of the exiled Israelites. Daniel knew it would only be by God's power, authority, and loyalty that Jerusalem would be restored, and he knew that even when we are faithless, God is faithful.

discussion QUESTIONS

.01 Why was Daniel confessing Israel's sin to God? How did he want God to respond? Did he believe that God would hear his prayer?

.02 What should our prayers of confession and repentance look like? What should they include?

PRAY: Say a prayer asking God to forgive you for the ways that you have rebelled against Him and been unfaithful this week. Thank Him for His mercy and compassion.

CENTRAL
truth

Even when we are faithless, God is faithful.

LEADER
challenge

Challenge your student to use the Daily Devotions provided in their *Daily Discipleship Guide* to study God's Word this week. These are the passages covered in this week's devotions.

DAY 1 DANIEL 9:4-6

DAY 2 DANIEL 9:7-14

DAY 3 DANIEL 9:15-19

DAY 4 MATTHEW 3:4-9

DAY 5 MATTHEW 3:10-12

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