



Group Discussion Questions

FAQ Series - Does forgiveness mean forgetting?
September 14 & 17, 2017

What does your Sunday morning routine look like? How do you prepare for church physically, mentally, spiritually?

Read aloud: Psalm 103

Vs. 1-2, Says we are to Bless the Lord by not forgetting His benefits. In Vs. 3-5 David lists some of the benefits that he appreciates about God. Take a few minutes privately and make a list of the benefits you find meaningful in your life. Go around your group and mention the benefits that you appreciate.

In Vs. 6-8, David writes that Moses was an example of the abounding lovingkindness of God for his people. The word lovingkindness is the Hebrew word hesed, what does the word mean? What can you remember about God's actions of loyal love toward Moses? How has God's loyal love been seen in your life?

David writes in vs. 9-10, that God will not take us to court and condemn us for our sins or reward us for our iniquities. Read I John 2:1-2 where John writes that Jesus is our Advocate (lawyer) and He not only represents us before God the judge but He also pays the fine (propitiation means "satisfying the justice payment") imposed by God. Do you think we really understand or comprehend the enormous price Jesus paid for our sins?

Vs. 11-13 David says God is like a father and takes all our problems, sins, failures and removes them from us. How often is confession of sins a part of your prayers? How often do you think confession should be a part of prayer? Read Matthew 6:9-15 and remember when the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He included forgiveness of sin. Do you think the disciples/apostles used confession as a part of their prayers?

David writes in vs. 14-16 how frail and tenuous human life is. Do you ever feel insignificant or unimportant? Vs. 17-19 says that God's hesed, loyal love, is constantly connected to us no matter how insignificant we feel. Turn that around, how does God make you feel significant and important?

Finishing Psalm 103 in vs. 20-22 David says that the angels of heaven bless the Lord and obey his Word, and that God has dominion over His entire created universe.

Family Time: Talk with your kids about how much God loves them. Use yourself as an example of loyal love (hesed) and share the things you do for them because you love them. In the same way, God does eternal things for them because He loves them like a father. Read Psalm 103:13 to them.