

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Sermon At a Glance

This message reminds us that through Christ, God not only forgave our sins but fully restored our relationship with Him. As those who have been reconciled, we are called to live as new creations—turning from self-focus to sharing the message of reconciliation with others as ambassadors for Christ.

Ice Breaker 1

With this small group season coming to a close, what has been most helpful to you the past 9 weeks?

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Ice Breaker 2

Have you or your group experienced any answered prayer during the small group season? Please explain.

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Forgiveness vs. Reconciliation

Last Sunday's message talked about how God doesn't just forgive us — He restores us. In your own words, what's the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?

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More Meaningful

Why is reconciliation with God a deeper, more meaningful form of communion rather than simple forgiveness?

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God's Heart

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-19. How does understanding reconciliation as "the restoration of a relationship" reshape how we see God's heart toward us?

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Transactional Or Relational

When you think of your relationship with God, do you or have you tended to see it more as transactional (give-and-take) or relational(communion and friendship)? Please explain.

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Outward Reconciliation

Refer back to 2 Corinthians 5:14-19. Paul says in verse 16 that we "know no man after the flesh." What does this reveal about how reconciliation changes how we view others, even across social, political, or racial divides?

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Ambassador

Read 2 Corinthians 5:20. How might remembering that you are an ambassador for Christ change how you respond to division, disagreement, or offense in today's world?

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Why Is It?

Why is it sometimes difficult to live and behave as an ambassador in the world? Do you struggle with the temptation to judge the world or be seduced by it?

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Live In It

Have you grown to be a better ambassador for Christ? What would it look like for you personally to become a better ambassador for Christ?

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM SUNDAY

Sunday, October 26

If you are interested in being baptized or would like information, please contact Pastor Matt today matt.u@deserthills.church

SUPER SATURDAY

Saturday, October 25

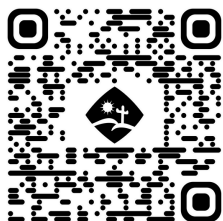
We'll spend the morning distributing flyers and talking to people and then meet back at the church for lunch and fun!

THE BIG DAY

Sunday, November 9 | 8AM, 9:30AM, 11AM

The Big Day is all about letting our community know that Desert Hills is here to support you and your family and positively impact the West Valley. We'd love for you to make Desert Hills your church home!

PLEASE DONATE TO SMALL GROUPS CHILDCARE



Every week Desert Hills Baptist Church pays for childcare for many of our small groups. Your gift helps provide safe, loving childcare so parents can fully engage in small group. Every donation makes a difference in helping families grow together in faith!

MISSIONARY HIGHLIGHT

The Ziss Family to the Philippines

God continues to bless the ministry of the Ziss family in the Philippines. When Eddie and Sarah, along with their children Tyler, Zachary, and Elaina, left Ohio, they set specific goals for their ministry—and by God's grace, they have reached and exceeded many of them.

What began in November 2021 as a group of 12 meeting in a house has now become a thriving, disciple-multiplying church. Today, more than 50 adults and teens are actively involved in one-on-one discipleship, with 60 active adult members and an average Sunday morning attendance of 120.

The Zisses count it a great privilege to serve the Lord and witness His hand at work in so many lives. At the end of September, they launched another exciting initiative—the Freedom Bible Institute and School of Ministry. This in-house training program will equip members, future pastors, and missionaries for years to come. Their first five adult students are already enrolled, marking yet another milestone accomplished through God's grace and the faithful prayers and support of ministry partners. Please continue to pray for growth in their teen ministry and for expanded opportunities to train national workers and host interns or potential missionaries from the U.S.

You can connect with the Ziss family by email at eddiez@projectone8.org or on Facebook at Ziss Family to the Philippines.