

Week 3

Arrival, Connecting, and Snack Together: (15 Minutes)

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with each other.

Short Opening Prayer for Your Time Together: (2 Minutes)

Video: Watch the group video together.

You have about 60 minutes to discuss this week's lesson. Pace your group. Move fairly quickly through the observation and reflection sections so that you have margin for discussion and surrender. Be sure to take 10 minutes to pray together at the end of your group.

Have someone read each of the following verses, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy, then take a few moments to quietly reflect. Re-read each passage as you move through and discuss the questions.

- Ephesians 1:7
- John 1:29

Observation:

1. What does Ephesians 1:7 say about sin?
2. In John 1:29, what statement did John the Baptist make about Jesus?

Reflection:

3. How does the reality of being totally forgiven affect your relationship with God?
4. In what ways do you observe those outside of relationship with Christ trying to “cover” or “make up” for their sins?

Discussion:

5. How can feelings and emotions confuse you about the reality of Christ's forgiveness?
6. C.S. Lewis states, “I think that if God forgives us we must forgive ourselves. Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than Him.” What makes embracing the reality of your forgiveness difficult to grasp?

Surrender:

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through today's study and discussion?
8. What are you willing to ask God to help you change in light of what you've learned?

Closing Prayer:

Pray for each other in light of what was shared today.