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Open Share Small Group Discussion Worksheet

Grace

...divine help or favor

Step 9: We made direct amends wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23-24

Principle 6: Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for I've done others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

"Happy are the merciful." and "Happy are the peacemakers."

Note to the Newcomer: Open Share Small Groups allow us to grow closer to one another through sharing our hurts, habits & hang-ups and the tools we use to overcome them. When we go around the room, feel free to share on tonight's topic or say pass and just listen. In order to start the recovery process on a solid foundation we suggest that you:

1. Make a commitment to attend the large group and small group time regularly **2.** Start looking for someone that you connect with that you can ask to be your sponsor or accountability partner. These people will be able to assist you on your journey and will become part of your accountability team. **3.** Begin working and applying the recovery principles found in the CR Participant's Guides and the Bible. **4.** Set a personal goal to become involved in a step study group.

In Principle 6 - Step 9 we make our amends, make restitution, offer our forgiveness, but most of all, we must receive and model Jesus Christ's freely given gift of GRACE.

God's gift - Grace cannot be bought. It is freely given gift by God to you and me.

Received by our faith - Through faith in Christ we can find strength and courage needed.

Accepted by God's love - Grace is the love that gives, that loves the unlovely and the unlovable.

Christ paid the price - He sacrificed Himself for us so that all our sins, our wrongs, are forgiven.

Everlasting gift - Once you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God's gift of grace is forever.

LARGE GROUP REFLECTION:

Did the Speaker or Lesson uncover a new area that I need to take a look at?

I could relate to the Speaker or Lesson in the following ways: _____.

OPEN SHARE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. Name a weakness that God has turned into a strength.
2. How can I model God's gift of grace in making amends?
3. Why is it important that I focus on my part in making an amends or offering forgiveness?
4. What is interfering with my willingness to make direct amends?
5. What does the word "Grace" mean to me?
6. Is there a step that I am stuck on? (1-9)
7. Am I allowing my sponsor and accountability partners to help me with grace and forgiveness?
8. How does it feel to receive God's grace?

SMALL GROUP PRAYER REQUESTS:

(please pray for your small group during the week - use your phone list and make some calls)

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PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER: Dear God, thank you for Your love, for Your freely given grace. Help me model Your ways when I make my amends to those I have hurt and offer my forgiveness to those that injured me. Help me to set aside my selfishness and speak the truth in love. I pray that I would focus only on my part, my responsibility on the issue. I know that I can forgive others because You first forgave me. Thank you for loving me. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

Verses to Study: 1 Thessalonians 2:16 Ephesians 2:8-9 Matthew 6:12
 1 Peter 1:13 Romans 5:2 Ephesians 1:7

RECOVERY THERMOMETER:

- Am I willing to start participating in a step study small group?
- Is my relationship with my sponsor growing?
- What have I done for fun lately?
- Am I listening more than I am talking?

MY PERSONAL RECOVERY GOAL FOR THIS WEEK:

ANY REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK?