

Group Discussion

INTRODUCTION

What if we could see others in the same way Jesus sees them? How would this change the way we reach out to people far from God?

GETTING STARTED

1. List some words an unbeliever might use to describe a Christian. What do you notice about this list? What are some ways we can remove the negative labels while keeping the positive ones?

FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, what are some of the points, Bible verses, or statements that really stood out to you?
3. Read Luke 7:36-50. How did Jesus' view of the woman differ from the view of the Pharisees? How did this influence their distinctive reactions to her? How and why did Jesus rebuke the Pharisee? How might this story influence the way you look at others in their brokenness?
4. Read Ephesians 4:2-10. Since you were once dead in your transgressions, how ought this great promise affect how you will see and interact with others (vs. 4-5)? Why will Jesus and His followers be raised up to heaven (vs. 7)? For what reason are we given salvation but left here on earth for a time (vs. 10)?
5. Read Mark 10:17-22. In verse 19, why do you think Jesus intentionally left out the first four of the 10 commandments (*See Exodus 20:2-17 for all 10 Commandments*)? How was Jesus' statement in verse 21 an act of love and compassion? How will you show others love and compassion today?
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit?

NEXT STEPS

7. What will you now do with the new truth, spiritual insight, or prompting from the Spirit?
8. How can we pray together?