Sermon Discussion Guide 11/4-11/10 VGroup Meetings

Sermon Title: Always Forgiving - 1 John 1:9

Distribute name tags as people enter. Take attendance / collect new guest information including address, phone & email, etc. Allow folks to mingle, fellowship, and settle in with each other.

Creating Comfort Tip: Think about those who are missing meetings. Reach out to them & encourage them to re-engage in the group. Is something going on with them - something the group can do to care for them. Remind them they are missed, thought about, & prayed for.

Open the session with prayer.

Discussion Starter/Ice Breaker: (15-20 mins)
Review: This week, start with a quick review of the last few sermons. How has God spoken to or revealed Himself as Always Faithful recently? Treat this as a Praise time where members can encourage each other by testifying to God faithfully moving in their lives.

Discussion Questions: (30-45 mins)
1. Read 1 John 1:9 together. Recap from the sermon: What are the 3 elements of the Forgiveness process that were outlined in the sermon?
2. Read the following verses. What do we learn about God through these passages?
   a. Nehemiah 9:17 (“They” in this verse refers to the children of Israel).
   b. Psalm 130
3. Of the 3 elements of Forgiveness, which one requires action from us? According to the following verses, why is this important? If we’re already forgiven, why confess? What is the benefit to us?
   a. Psalm 32:1-5
   b. Proverbs 28:13
4. Jesus is the substitute. Why do we need a substitute? Isn’t it possible for man to live according to the perfect Law set forth by God? Explore these verses & discuss the evidence provided.
   a. Romans 5:6-9
   b. Romans 8:1-4
   c. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15
5. Jesus is the cleansing agent. Erik mentioned John 13:8 where Jesus tells Peter, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Christ’s blood washes us clean in God’s eyes. Read these verses - How is Christ/God described (look at character & action) - How should we respond?
   a. Ephesians 1:7
   b. Hebrews 9:11-15, 22
   c. 1 Peter 2:21-25
   d. 1 John 1:5-7
6. God is Always Faithful to forgive. Does this never-ending grace give us the right to boldly live a sinful life? Read Romans 6:1-23 & then read James 5:16-20. To borrow a phrase from Tommy Nelson, as believers we are not sinless; we just sin less. Discuss the areas of life where sin creeps in - the weaknesses where satan attacks - & pray together for strength to move away from sin.

Closing: Open the floor for discussion / questions.

Prayer Requests:

Close in prayer.