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Discipleship Phrase: Jesus comes to disrupt our perception of power, security and control.

Big Idea for Series: Our expectations are not always God's realization.

Abiding *(grow as a disciple yourself)*

Having a healthy loving relationship with God should be your first priority; and loving relationships with others is second. Jesus spoke about forgiveness, "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins," (Matthew 6:14-14, NIV). In your time with God this week, pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal what is in your heart. Is there resentment you are holding onto? Is there someone that you should extend forgiveness to or forgive yourself for something?

Leading *(facilitate your group effectively)*

This week we are spending time talking through forgiveness. Do you have a hard time forgiving others? What about yourself? When you think about the path to forgiveness, does it bring you pain or hope? What's on the other side? Walk your group through how Jesus forgave Simon Peter. Talk about the vulnerability required to forgive. Is it easier for you to forgive another or yourself and why? Reflect on the freedom we find when we offer forgiveness. How do we reflect God as we engage in this process? Ask the group if there is someone (maybe even themselves) they need to forgive. Follow up with anyone who shares.

Shepherding *(know, feed, lead, and protect the sheep)*

Mistakes can and will happen. Learning from our mistakes is important however, the key to moving forward from our mistakes might just be found in our ability to forgive ourselves. Our mistakes are often things that we know God will, or has forgiven us for, but for some reason we can tend to hold on to them with a clinched fist. As you meet for group this week, take mental note of your group members who express consistent negative self-talk with regards to mistakes. Prayerfully seek the Lord's counsel on how to love them well through it, not to try and fix, but how best to model God's love and forgiveness.

Church Announcements *(be in the know & share with your group)*

- Easter Service times are April 3 @ 4 and 5:30 PM. And April 4 @ 8:30, 10, and 11:30. We are asking "regulars," to attend one of the Saturday services. Thank you!

REMEMBER: "Every group deserves a great leader."



LifeGroups

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Welcome/Introductions (*creating a relational environment starts here; be friendly & acknowledge everyone*)

Open in Prayer (*kickoff every group gathering with honoring the Lord*)

Ice Breaker, God Moments, or Highs & Lows (*choose one that is best for your group this week*)

Weekly Vision Checklist (*See Flipbook re: announcements, the “why”, goal, outreach, guidelines, & branching*)

Ask a Hook Question (*a thought-provoking question to get the group heading in the right direction*)

What’s something funny, but true about you that you would flat out deny?

Recap the Message (*ask a couple people to share what stood out to them in this week’s message*)

Scriptures References (*Read scriptures **directly from the Bible**—it carries its own authority*)

John 18:1-11 (NIV), Luke 22:60-62 (NIV), John 21:15-17 (NIV)

Implications (*takeaways from the message*)

1. Jesus will never support dominance, coercion, or manipulation in the name of the Kingdom.
2. There will never be a time when God misses or doesn’t see our mistakes.
3. There will never be a mistake God won’t forgive; the question is whether or not we can forgive ourselves.
4. The difference between closeness to God and distance from God is shame.

Discussion Questions (*going beyond the surface*)

1. How did Simon Peter react to Judas’s actions in the garden? See John 18:1-11
2. What was Peter’s response to his own actions in Luke 22:60-62?
3. Coming full circle how does Jesus forgive and restore Peter in John 21 and how might He be doing that for you?
4. In what ways haven’t you forgiven yourself?
5. What is a step you can take towards forgiveness for yourself this week? How can life group help you with that?

Prayer Requests (*record, share, and follow up throughout the week. Use the LEAD App or CCB if possible.*)

Closing Prayer (*ask openly for a volunteer, encourage your people to step outside of their comfort zone regularly*)

