

Ice Breaker

(in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Briefly share one highlight and one lowlight from this last week

Talk About it!

1. Read **1 Peter 3:10-11**

- a. What are some subtle ways "evil" can show up in the day-to-day?
- b. How/why does turning away from evil lead to an enjoyment of life?

2. Read **Titus 2:11-12** and **Philippians 1:6**

- a. What does it mean for God's grace to change us? Have you experienced the grace of God bring transformation in your life? If so, in what ways?

3. Read **John 3:19-21** and **Psalms 139:23-24**

- a. How can we identify areas of "darkness" in our lives? What does it look like to invite him into those spaces? What is the hardest part about inviting God into those areas of life?

4. Read **Genesis 3:7-8** and **Psalms 32:1-5**

- a. What role does confession have in turning away from evil? What is the relationship between confession and shame? What happens when we confess?

5. Read **Colossians 3:8-10** and **1 John 3:5-6**

- a. How do you, personally, draw close to Jesus and learn more about him? Is there something you can do this week to grow in that?

6. What is one takeaway or action step for you based on what we've talked about? Is there anything the group can do to support you in that?

Scripture Reference Questions 1-3

QUESTION 1

1 Peter 3:10-11 NLT

For the Scriptures say, “If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

QUESTION 2

Titus 2:11-12 NIV

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age

Philippians 1:6 NLT

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

QUESTION 3

John 3:19-21 NLT

And the judgment is based on this fact: God’s light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants.”

Psalms 139:23-24 NLT

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

Scripture Reference Questions 3-5

QUESTION 4

Genesis 3:7-8 NLT

At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees.

Psalms 32:1-5 NLT

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. (Interlude)

Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. (Interlude)

QUESTION 5

Colossians 3:8-10 NLT

But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

1 John 3:5-6 NLT

And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.