



Gospel Hospitality-Fellowship

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Gospel Hospitality:
 - a. CREATES A SAFE SPACE. Read **John 20:24-27**. How did Jesus respond to Thomas' doubt? Why do you feel this Life Group is a safe space to talk about doubts, struggles, and questions? How can we increase the safety of this space so that we can tell the truth about who we are?
 - b. LIFTS SHAME. Read **John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27; 21:15-17**. How did Jesus move Peter from his mistake to His mission? What does it look like to lift shame from your own life, from another's life?
 - c. PRACTICES GRACE GRACE. Read **Luke 22:47-48**. What does God's grace mean to you? What does it look like to extend grace to others? Read **Romans 3:22-25**. What does it mean to be justified? Read **Hebrews 2:10-15**. We are sanctified (made holy) by the One who paid the price for us. And what does He call us in these verses? If we are here *by the grace of God*, what does this mean for our hearts and attitudes toward others- even those "extra grace required" people?
3. Leader, consider taking communion together this evening. Coming to the table of grace, remembering His work on the cross, and recommitting yourselves to live as His sons and daughters, children of grace.

Next Steps: Leader, how can your group be a safe space. For everyone, who in your life needs your grace? Forgiveness?

Prayer Thought: Lead your group through a time of prayer in the ACTS method. Choose a method: 1- Everyone prays out loud with sentence prayers (do confession silently if you feel the group needs that). 2- You lead out with a short prayer for each and allow time for quiet individual prayer. 3- Spend time writing out each part of the prayer.

A (Adoration): Praise Him for who He is and what He has done for us.

C (Confession): Confess that you have been critical and not allowed for a safe space. Confess that you have not extended grace though much grace has been given to you.

T (Thanksgiving): Thank Him for His great mercy and grace. For His forgiveness and peace.

S (Supplication): Ask Him to increase your faith and to give you grace. Ask Him to lift the shame.