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BelPres Church

Group Discussion Guide: Forgiveness

Connect in Community: Gather with your community group to discuss this week's sermon. If you missed church this week or want to hear the sermon again, you can listen to the sermon online anytime before your group meets. Being in regular community with others helps us notice how Jesus forms disciples over time and how the Holy Spirit uses regular people as part of God's work.

Icebreaker Question: If you could start a new hobby or learn a new skill, what would it be?

Opening Question: Looking back to last week's sermon and scripture where we talked about being a person of conscience... How has that conversation stuck with you? Have you had any additional insights into what biblical boldness looks like in your life right now? Did you practice being bold in a new way this past week?

Read this Week's Scripture: Open your bibles and read through this week's scripture passage together:

Matthew 18:21-35

Discuss the Scripture: After reading the scripture together, discuss the following:

- What do you find surprising about this passage? What does the scripture suggest about who God is or what matters to him?
- Does this passage prompt or challenge you in any specific ways? Does it invite you to be bold in a new or different way?

Discuss the Sermon: Reflecting on this week's sermon, discuss the following:

- How does experiencing God's forgiveness change the way we respond to people who have sinned against us?
- Sometimes it's necessary to maintain appropriate boundaries when there's wrongdoing. What does that look while still living out forgiveness?
- If appropriate to share out loud, otherwise spend time in silence: who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask forgiveness from?

Make an action plan for the week:

- Forgiveness can be a process rather than an instant decision. Complete this sentence: "This week, I can practice forgiveness by (name one small, honest step you can try this week)_____ ."
- (On your own with God or to share with the group) How have you noticed the Holy Spirit prompting you during our discussion time today?

Close in prayer: Close with a few minutes together in your group sharing prayer requests and then praying together for each other. Take the challenging parts of your conversation to Jesus. Thank God for the time together, the conversation shared, the other people in the group, and for encouragement in the week ahead.