



COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

For the week of September 25, 2022

Announcements

- **She Loves Out Loud** – Saturday, November 5, 10:00 - 2:30pm Invite a friend and join this day of focused prayer, teaching in God's Word, and worship! Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendar and register today! Questions? Email lauren@stfchurch.com.
- **New Here Lunch** - Sunday, November 13, 12:30 - 1:30pm Are you new to STF? You may have questions about the church, so we'd like to invite you to a luncheon with Pastor JJ, some of our staff, as well as others who have been guests the last few months. This would be a time for you to meet some of our team and hear Pastor JJ's heart for where he wants to lead our church. The lunch is free and will take place in the West at Ballast Point (Fellowship Hall).
- **Veterans Day Military BBQ** – Sunday, November 13, 4:00 - 6:00pm Active-duty and retired service members and their families are invited to our second annual Veteran's Day BBQ! Join us on Sunday, November 13 from 4-6 pm in the BP campus parking lot for yard games, bounce houses, free BBQ dinner from 4:30-5:30, s'mores, and more! Bring your own lawn chairs.

My Story

1. What's one thing that most people don't know about you?
2. Can you think of a time in your life when you escaped a punishment or consequence that you deserved?

Quick Review

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Going Deeper

1. This weekend's message challenged us with the command that we have to give what we have been given. In other words, what God has done for us, we must do for others. Psalm 103:8-12 gives us insight into God's forgiving nature and what He has done for us. As you read these verses, circle, highlight or underline what jumps out to you regarding God's forgiveness.

Psalm 103:8-12 New International Version (NIV)

*⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*⁹He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

Now go back and read through a second time and replace God's name with your own.

What surprises you, catches your attention or challenges you by putting your name in the psalm?

2. As followers of Jesus, the hallmark of our faith in Him is that we are people who forgive and pass on the grace and mercy that we have ourselves received from God. How do the following verses further reveal what living out God's forgiveness looks like?

Colossians 3:13 New International Version (NIV)

¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)

⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Colossians 4:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

James 4:6 New International Version (NIV)

⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

This weekend we learned that living out God's forgiveness brings freedom. Looking at the verses above, can you think of any ways each one would actually result in freedom?

Can you think of a situation in your life when doing what one of these verses describes led to freedom for you? If so, explain?

Taking It Home

1. Looking back at this week's teaching and study, what one thing is most important for you to remember and why?

2. Are there any changes you'd like to make as a result of this week's message and study?

Prayer Requests

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