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LIFEgroup Homework

For the week of July 2, 2017

"I Want You Back"

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What is the messiest job you've ever had or the biggest mess you've ever cleaned up?
2. What songs are on repeat on your playlists or in your car this week?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Have you ever heard something that sounded too good to be true? You know those email adds in your inbox, or the report on the news? Read Luke 7:36-50 together.
What parts of this story seem too good to be true?

What does this story tell us about Jesus' perspective of people who sin?

Why do you think people who are aware of the debt God has paid often respond in gratitude and love for Jesus?

When was the last time you were genuinely thankful for Jesus and His grace? What sometimes gets in the way of our gratitude?

2. In 2 Corinthians 5:11 the author of the letter, Paul, says "What we are is plain to God?" God is not surprised by your sin, your habits, your tendencies, or the sin you hide from others.

What do these verses tell us about what God knows about us:

Daniel 2:22

Job 34:21

Psalms 139:1-4

Read 2 Corinthians 5:19. What does it tell us about God's pursuit of us, even when he was aware of all of our sin?

He pursued us first, even knowing how sin-filled we were.

Through Jesus, God did not count all of our sins against us!

Does anyone in the group want to share a story of how God pursued you or a loved one when they were at their worst?

3. Reconciled is a big Bible Word. Read this definition from Baker's Bible Dictionary:

"Reconciliation involves a change in the relationship between God and man or man and man. It assumes there has been a breakdown in the relationship, but now there has been a change from a state of enmity and fragmentation to one of harmony and fellowship."

What does the action of reconciliation tell us about God and what he thinks about restoring a relationship with us?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17 together.
What does this verse tell us happens when we say "yes" to Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

How can you embrace your new identity in Christ this week? What old thought or habit do you need to turn from? How could your group help remind you of that this week?

Prayer Requests:

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