

Community Group

Week of October 2

Luke 7:36-50

Today's big idea: RESET your Priorities.

- You can only take 3 things with you on a deserted island. What would they be and why?
- Which of the Community Group Guidelines do you prioritize and why?

Bible Study

- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.
- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus anointed by the forgiven woman.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 7:36-50 in the Bible.
- What was the priority of the woman and how did she show it?
- What was the priority of the pharisee and how did he show it?
- What was the priority of Jesus and how did he show it?

As We Go

- What is a priority to you and how do you show it?
- What would someone close to you say is the greatest priority in your life?
- How would you like to RESET your priorities? What would you want to focus on more? What would you want to focus on less? Why?
- What will it cost you to RESET your priorities?
- Who will you ask to help you RESET your priorities in addition to God?
- Pray for one another, for requests you might have, and for God to RESET the priorities in our lives.

Upcoming Events:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Sunday, October 9th – International Feast (all 3 congregations in worship)



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COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDELINES

Confidentiality

Keeping things that are shared in the group confidential builds trust and shows value to the person. Confidentiality can prevent gossip that only values the story; Jesus always valued the person above their story or their sin.

Don't Rescue & Don't Fix

When someone is sharing something deeply personal and/or painful there can be a tendency to try and make them feel better about themselves or the situation. Often this will cause people to stop sharing and results in their not going as deep as they might have gone. Resist the temptation to rescue people. Try to hear what people are sharing without trying to fix them. If they want your advice, they will ask for it. You may want to take time later to ask if you can offer some advice.

No Crosstalk

Be considerate of others as they are sharing. Don't have side conversations. Trust is built in the moments when everyone feels like they are being listened to and heard by the entire group. Treat others in the group as you would want to be treated.

Use Humor Responsibly

Fun is an essential part of Small Groups; however, when meeting in the Biblical Storytelling time keep sarcastic comments, jokes and laughter to a minimum to allow for an atmosphere of authenticity and vulnerability.

Give Everyone a Chance to Share

Be sensitive to the amount of time you share. Encourage everyone to participate in group discussions.

Use "I" Statements

During small group, we want to hear your personal thoughts and perspectives. Using "I" statements to answer discussion questions allows you to speak for yourself rather than generalizing by using terms such as "them", "the church", "us" or "we".

Fight for Relationship

Relationships reaches a whole new level when conflict is resolved in a healthy manner. When conflict or sin issues arise between group members, commit to fight for the relationship and discuss the struggle with the person you are in conflict with or seek wise advice.