



GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS Spring Quarter - Lesson 7 - Week of May 15, 2022

Lesson: BOUNDLESS MERCY

Bible Verses: Psalm 107:17-22; Lamentations 3:22-23; I Peter 2:24;
Romans 8:1; I John 4:14; Hebrews 13:8

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- How empathetic are you?
- Do you find it easy to extend mercy?

DISCUSSION

Even when we have done something stupid and caused destruction to ourselves, Psalm 107 shows us we don't have to wonder if God has made provisions for our forgiveness. Maybe we made a wrong decision, committed a terrible sin, or even caused harm to someone else; still, God's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

God sent His Word (Jesus) to heal us. He took stripes for our healing 2,000 years ago (I Peter 2:24). But often the biggest barrier to receiving His provisions is our own thinking, our own guilt and unforgiveness towards ourselves. Who are we to say that Jesus' sacrifice was not enough? There's nothing we can do that is beyond His forgiveness. Jesus' sacrifice was sufficient to pay the price for our sins. We just need to obey His Word.

1. In Psalm 107:17-22, to those who cried out to the Lord, God sent His Word and healed them. How does that relate to Jesus and you today?
2. Do you still have to cry out to the Lord to heal you?

Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8), and he is the Savior of the world (John 4:14). The goodness of the Lord is boundless and we should give Him thanks with rejoicing! Because of His mercy, we don't receive what we deserve. Because of His grace, we receive what we don't deserve. His saving grace is all encompassing and covers us. He has already done everything needed to save us from destruction, even when we caused it. We just need to stop listening to the condemnation of the enemy (Romans 8:1), believe His Word, and speak it over every area of our lives to activate it.

1. What is the difference between grace and mercy?
2. Have you done something foolish that caused harm to your body or to someone else?
3. Are guilt and condemnation stopping you from receiving the forgiveness and healing that Christ has provided?

Jesus finished his work here on earth by dying for us on the cross and being resurrected so that we would have the benefit of forgiveness of our sins and the privilege to enjoy the mercy of God. Even current, habitual sin can still be forgiven upon turning away from it. Believing in Jesus' finished work and having faith in His gift of righteousness can set you free.

1. Do you believe Jesus' finished work was enough or are you in unbelief?
2. Why do you think the devil wants to keep reminding us of our failures and keep us filled with remorse?

Prayer Focus: Father, thank you for new mercies that you give me every day. Give me the wisdom to recognize the power in speaking your name over all situations in my life.