

## CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #2 - Right Vs. Loving



### GETTING STARTED

What's something you are absolutely convinced you do "better than most people"? (Driving, cooking, organizing, working, etc.)

### THIS WEEK'S THEME

When you hear the phrase "Right vs. Loving," what do you initially think of? Reflect on your personal response – what has influenced it?

Read Luke 18:9-14. How would you describe the posture and attitude of the Pharisee? Of the tax collector? Why do you think Jesus says the tax collector went home "justified" instead of the Pharisee?

What do you think of Hans' statement: "Proud people don't love people well"? If you're honest, where do you see pride quietly showing up in your own faith or attitudes toward others?

How have you seen rightness damage relationships—either in church or outside of it?

If you've ever stepped away from church or faith, what role did judgment or lack of love play?

Read John 8:7. What "stones" do people still throw today? (Words, posts, gossip, exclusion, silence, shame)

Why do you think it's sometimes easier to throw stones than to show grace? What does it look like, practically, to drop your stones and lead with love?

Read John 13:34-35. If someone evaluated your faith based only on how you love others, what conclusions might they draw?

### TAKING IT HOME

*This week, ask yourself: Where am I more focused on being right than being loving—and what would it look like to choose love instead? Consider one relationship, conversation, or online interaction where you can intentionally lead with love.*

### PRAY

Jesus, We confess that we often cling to being right instead of being loving. Teach us humility. Help us drop the stones we carry and reflect your grace. May our love point people to you — not our opinions, pride, or judgments. Amen.