GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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Life
Genesis 2:7
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NOTES

Pastor Matt reminded us that every human life is sacred because every person bears the image of God.

MY STORY

Describe an experience when you went out of your way to protect something that others did not consider valuable.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO HEAR?

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion ... (Genesis 2:7)

God describes Abel's blood as crying out from the ground. What does this unusual imagery reveal about God's response to violence and silence surrounding an injustice?

Paul says that our struggle is not against flesh and blood, even though people can cause us genuine harm. How does this explain the kind of actual struggle Christians are engaged in—and how that answer should direct our energy?

WHAT DOES GOD WANT US TO DO?

What tends to influence your first impressions of others, and what helps you see beyond those impressions?

When have you witnessed costly compassion? Describe what happened.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO DO?

Turn concern into compassion. Identify a person whose circumstances concern you, such as a foster child, a person with disabilities, or someone experiencing financial hardship—and do something tangible for that individual.

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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