

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What was the proudest moment of your childhood?

1. On the night of Jesus' trial, two of His disciples are specifically identified as betraying Him: Judas and Peter. Read **Luke 22:32-34**. Pastor Tom said, "...Peter's failure (and our failures) don't have to be that which defines us." Why do you think Judas' failure ultimately did define him while Peter's did not?
2. Pastor Tom reminded us that "...our failures are not greater than God's mercy." How have you experienced that truth in your own life and why can it be so hard to believe?
3. Pastor Tom asked, "Do you *feel* forgiven?" If not, what is keeping you from believing the words of **Romans 3:23-24**, **Colossians 1:14**, and **1 John 1:9**?
4. Read **Micah 7:18-19**. Pastor Tom pointed out that God does not forgive "grudgingly", but rather "desires" to forgive us. How should this truth change the way you approach God when you have failed or fallen into sin (which we all do - **1 John 1:8-10**)?
5. Pastor Tom also asked the question: "Am I welcoming God's mercy into my life?" What prevents you from receiving the mercy of God: pride, fear, embarrassment, unbelief, or something else? Name it and talk/pray together about overcoming obstacles you may be placing in the way of His mercy.

PERSONAL GUIDE

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And we also have a bit of a _____ attitude towards mercy:

- We desperately _____ it for ourselves, but...
- ...but we are _____ likely to want to see others receive it, either from us or even from God.

God's mercy shows us that:

1. Jesus Doesn't _____ on Us

Note **Luke 22:33-34**

...Peter's failure (and our failures) don't have to be that which _____ us.

_____ fails at times (note **Proverbs 24:16a**).

In fact, the Scriptures tell us if we don't think we fail/sin, we're _____-deceived (note **1 John 1:8-10**).

But our failures are not _____ than God's mercy.

Even when you fail, God knows your _____ and wants you to be included in what He is doing in your community and around the world.

2. God _____ Me

No amount of money, no material thing, no other relationship, no vacation, cruise, adventure, position, experience, etc., even _____ compares to being forgiven by God.

Question = Do you _____ forgiven?

- A. God _____ to forgive me - it's not something He does _____ (note **Nehemiah 9:17; Micah 7:18b**). God looks forward to forgiving us and has from before the _____ of the world!
- B. God _____ forgives me (note **Romans 3:23-24; Colossians 1:14**). Most people who struggle with this truth struggle for one of two reasons:
- We don't _____ it.
 - We don't _____ it.
- C. God _____ forgives us - He convicts us of our sin and allows us to feel guilty because He _____ us (note **1 John 1:9**). Note **Isaiah 55:7b**
- D. God totally _____ me (note **Colossians 2:13-14; Micah 7:19; James 2:13b**).

Am I welcoming God's mercy into my life?

- God could've exercised justice, but chose mercy to _____ in Jesus Christ.

Tell us about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!

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God's mercy impacts every aspect of our lives and every single one of our relationships.

And we also have a bit of a conflicted attitude towards mercy:

- We desperately want it for ourselves, but...
- ...but we are less likely to want to see others receive it, either from us or even from God.

God's mercy shows us that:

1. Jesus Doesn't Give Up on Us

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...Peter's failure (and our failures) don't have to be that which defines us. Everyone fails at times (note **Proverbs 24:16a**).

In fact, the Scriptures tell us if we don't think we fail/sin, we're self-deceived (note **1 John 1:8-10**).

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2. God Forgives Me

No amount of money, no material thing, no other relationship, no vacation, cruise, adventure, position, experience, etc., even remotely compares to being forgiven by God.

Question = Do you feel forgiven?

- God desires to forgive me - it's not something He does grudgingly (note **Nehemiah 9:17; Micah 7:18b**). God looks forward to forgiving us and has from before the foundation of the world!
- God unreservedly forgives me (note **Romans 3:23-24; Colossians 1:14**). Most people who struggle with this truth struggle for one of two reasons:
 - We don't believe it.
 - We don't deserve it.
- God instantaneously forgives us - He convicts us of our sin and allows us to feel guilty because He loves us (note **1 John 1:9**). Note **Isaiah 55:7b**
- God totally forgives me (note **Colossians 2:13-14; Micah 7:19; James 2:13b**).

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