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WEEK 6

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever had someone try to force you to adopt his or her perspective? How did that make you feel? Did it work? Why do you think it didn't?
- Please read Matthew 5:9. Why is this Beatitude a hard one for us? What is something you are really passionate about? How would you feel if someone told you that what you are most passionate about is unimportant and that your perspective on it was wrong?
- Paul went from forcing everyone to believe his way to what we read in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23. How does someone make a shift like that? What makes this way of living so much better especially when it comes to influencing people?
- What does Paul's statement, "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some." mean to you? Isn't that compromising what we believe? Why not? How can you put it into practice?

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WEEK 5

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When was the last time (you can talk about) where you were manipulated or deceived? How did it make you feel? When was the last time you manipulated or deceived someone else (don't answer out loud)? How do you think that person would feel if they knew you had manipulated or deceived them?
- Please read Matthew 5:8. What does "pure in heart" mean to you? Who is the most pure in heart person you know? What makes that person stand out in your mind? Do you find yourself wanting to be like that person? Why?
- Genesis 25-31 shares part of the story of Jacob's life. When you read this story from an objective eye, how do you feel about Rebekah? Jacob? Laban? Is that the way you want to be thought of?
- Taking it a step further. As a follower of Jesus, if we are manipulators and deceivers, what does that tell people about Jesus? How would this stand in the way of us being A Place For Everyone to experience the love of Jesus?

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WEEK 4

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does mercy mean to you? How has someone shown you mercy? How have you shown other people mercy?
- Please read Matthew 5:7 and then Luke 16:19-26. What parts of the story stand out to you? What do you think of the rich man? What do you think of Lazarus?
- How do we tend to think of people who have a lot and keep it all for themselves? How do we naturally think of those who've made a mess of their lives?
- How does someone become more merciful? How are you growing in your mercy? Do you believe Jesus would smile when He thinks of the mercy you have shown people? Why or why not?

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WEEK 3

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share a story about someone you knew who had great potential but never lived up to it? What kept them from fulfilling their potential? Share a story about someone who did live up to their potential? What is the difference between these two people?
- Please read Matthew 5:5. A simple definition of Meekness is power under control or self-control. How has self-control been a struggle for someone you know who's not doing well in life? How has self-control been a struggle for you?
- In Judges 13-16, we read the story of Samson. When you remember the story of Samson, what things stand out? What was Samson's downfall (get specific)? Dream together for a couple of minutes of what Samson could have been if he had learned self-control.
- Where in your life do you need self-control? Do you have help? Who is or could help you with that area of your life? Who are you letting coach you about how to live your life well? What will your life look like if you don't keep control over your power?

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WEEK 2

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Please read Matthew 5:4. What things in this world break your heart? What things in this world should break our hearts but don't? What things in this world break God's heart?
- Please recap the story of Jonah 1-4. What parts of the story stand out to you? Why did Jonah despise the Ninevites so deeply? How do you think Jonah rationalized his hatred for the Ninevites?
- Can you relate to Jonah? (Be honest.) Why is it seemingly so easy for us to hate people we don't like? Why would we not hate those we dislike?
- Jesus flips our entire world on its head with His way of doing life. Why is His way so much better? What would happen if we truly started seeing people, all people, like Jesus sees them? How could you start seeing people through Jesus' eyes?

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WEEK 1

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- When you think of the "beatitudes" what comes to mind? What does it mean to you to be "blessed"?
- Please read Matthew 5:3. What does that mean to you? What do you think would be the opposite of being "poor in spirit"?
- Please take a minute and walk through the story of Nebuchadnezzar from Daniel 1-4. Which parts of the story jump out to you? How do you think you would have handled having all of the success and power that Nebuchadnezzar had? Is his success what was wrong in this story? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Nebuchadnezzar attributed all of his success to himself. How can you make sure you don't follow suit? Where are you pretending to be god in your own life? Is it working? Will it continue to work? What needs to change?