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LifeGroups
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TRANSFORMATION

"And we... are being transformed into His likeness."

2 Corinthians 3:18

CHETS TOP 5

Prayer for
Student Camps
July 12th - 17th

First Impressions
Parking Team
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Preschool Day at
the Beach
Wednesday
July 21st • 10:00 a.m.

Singles to
Ichetucknee
Saturday, July 24th

C.L.A.S.S. 101-401
Sunday, August 1st
5:00 - 8:30 p.m.



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Discussion Guide

Life Sentences - "Acceptance"

FOCUS: To be challenged to live abundantly in the forgiveness/acceptance Christ provides and extend this acceptance to others.

Luke 15:1-32 (NIV)

1. What jumps out at you about the actions of the following in (Luke 15:1-2)?
 - a. Jesus –
 - b. The Sinners –
 - c. The Pharisees & Scribes –
2. In which of the above categories do you most align today?
3. What is the overarching point of the first two parables (Luke 15:4-7 & Luke 15:8-10)?
4. Record significant actions/characteristics of each person in the prodigal son parable.

The Lost Son

- a. What is significant about the son asking for his inheritance (v. 12)?
- b. Why did the son want his money and freedom now?
- c. How do you try to live independently from God?
- d. The son wasted his father's possessions (v. 13). How is living outside God's will, living a wasted life? Are you in God's will?
- e. He served another man feeding pigs. Are you serving someone or something more than God? (v. 15)
- f. He came to his senses (v. 17). Is there any area of your life in which you need to "come to your senses?"

The Father

- a. The father letting the son go showed great...? (v. 12)
- b. What were the actions of the father in (v. 20)?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- c. What is significant about the father interrupting the son and calling for the best robe, a ring and sandals? (v. 22)

The Older Son

- a. What is the attitude of the older son when he sees the party being thrown for the younger son? (v. 28)
- b. He equated his life like a slave to his father, he did not understand what it meant to be a son (v. 29). Do you fully understand and embrace the fact that you are a child of God?
- c. How did he display pride in (v. 29)?
- d. The father reminded him that he had already given him everything (v. 31). Do you fail to recognize the abundant life you have been given? How can you stop whining and start winning?

Read Thru the Bible

"How sweet your words taste to me; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life. Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Psalm 119:103-105

July	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalm	Proverbs
11	1 Chron 3:1-4:43	Acts 13:1-22	80:1-7	17:17
12	1 Chron 5:1-6:32	Acts 13:23-41	80:8-13	17:18-19
13	1 Chron 6:33-81	Acts 13:42-14:7	80:14-19	17:20-21
14	1 Chron 7:1-8:28	Acts 14:8-28	81:1-7	17:22-23
15	1 Chron 8:29-9:44	Acts 15:1-21	81:8-16	17:24-25
16	1 Chron 10:1-11:47	Acts 15:22-41	82:1-8	17:26
17	1 Chron 12:1-13:14	Acts 16:1-24	83:1-8	17:27-28
18	1 Chron 14:1-16:6	Acts 16:25-17:9	83:9-18	18:1-3

LifeGroup Prayer Requests:

"You are not responsible for everyone in the church family - but you are responsible to them. So speak encouraging words to one another. Build up hope so you'll all be together in this, no one left out, no one left behind."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

Love - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

To learner will discuss the nature of true Christ-like love and be challenged to impact others in love.

MONDAY - JULY 12, 2010

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3: Gifted, But Without Love

"1 If I speak in the tongues[a] of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames,[b] but have not love, I gain nothing."

Paul's letters are sometimes hard to understand. It is obvious the Christians in Corinth have sent Paul a letter with questions and he has sent his answers. It is like listening to one side of a phone conversation. It seems that Paul and the Corinthian Christians disagree about the nature of spirituality. The Corinthians say that their gifts of tongues, knowledge, prophecy and faith show that they are truly spiritual people. Paul says that they are gifted, but without love.

- A "clanging cymbal" was used by pagans in worship to awaken their gods. Since their gods did not exist, this was a meaningless act. What is Paul saying about the gift of tongues?
- What do we gain if we do not have love?

TUESDAY - JULY 13, 2010

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7: What Love Is and What It Is Not

"4Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Paul tells us that love is a verb. There are things that a loving person does and there are things that he/she does not do.

- How does our culture define love?
- How does that definition compare with Paul's description of perfect love?
- In which one of these descriptions of love are you strongest? In which are you weakest?
- How can we develop the ability to love others?

WEDNESDAY - JULY 14, 2010

Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-10: Love is Permanent

"8Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears."

While some things are temporary, love is permanent.

- What are some practical ways that you can show that love never fails?
- Why will tongues, knowledge and prophecy not be needed when Jesus returns?
- In verse 10, the word translated "perfection" means "mature, full grown, done as it should be done." In what ways is love like this?

THURSDAY - JULY 15, 2010

Read 1 Corinthians 13:11-12: Two Illustrations

"11When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

Paul provides two illustrations of the perfection that will come. The first is the transformation from boy to man, and the second talks about the difference between looking in a mirror and seeing someone face-to-face.

- In what ways does a child and a mature adult act and reason differently?
- What are some "childish things" that mature adults no longer do?
- In the first century, a mirror was a piece of polished metal that provided a poor reflection. What did Paul mean when he said "then we shall see face-to-face?"
- How does it make you feel when you think about the fact that you are "fully known" by God?

FRIDAY - JULY 16, 2010

Read 1 Corinthians 13:13: Love is Supreme

"13And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Paul sums up God's kind of love.

- Are faith and hope eternal? Why or why not?
- According to Paul, what is the greatest of all gifts?
- How can love be greater than faith?
- How can love be greater than hope?
- How will you show your love to a difficult person this week?