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# TRANSFORMATION

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

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

## CHETS TOP 5

July 4th  
Churchwide  
Cookout  
Sunday, July 4th

Honoring  
Servicemen  
Overseas  
Today

Sharing Jesus  
without Fear  
Wednesdays  
July 7th - 28th  
7:00 p.m.

Summer Bible  
Studies  
Middle School  
Wednesdays - 12:30 p.m.  
High School  
Thursdays - 7:00 p.m.  
College  
Every other Tuesday  
7:00 p.m.

Save the Date:  
Chets Chicks  
Women's Retreat  
Friday & Saturday  
October 1st & 2nd



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## Discussion Guide

### Life Sentences - "Salvation"

**FOCUS:** To explore the meaning and power of salvation and be challenged to be living examples of God's grace.

### John 3:1-16; Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

- Why did John emphasize that Nicodemus first came to Jesus at night? (John 3:1-2)
- How did John use light/darkness and day/night in the following passages?
  - (John 1:4-9)
  - (3:19-21)
  - (5:35)
  - (8:12)
- How did Nicodemus show his spiritual ignorance in the following verses?
  - (v. 4)
  - (v. 9)
  - (v. 10)
  - (v. 11)
- How did Jesus address Nicodemus' unbelief?
  - (v. 13)
  - (vs. 4-15)
  - (v. 16)
- The work of the Cross can be summarized in four words. What is the meaning of each word?
  - Redemption
  - Propitiation
  - Justification
  - Reconciliation
- Write words of praise and thanksgiving to God for all He has done for you.
- What was the former state of the Ephesian believers? (Ephesians 2:1)
- How does God view those living in sin who are spiritually dead? (v. 3)
- Think back to when you were spiritually dead. What characterized your life then?
- What types of benefits are believers promised in (vs. 5-7)?
  - (v. 5)
  - (v. 6)
  - (v. 6)
  - (v. 7)
- What is grace? (vs. 7-8)
- What is faith?
- The Greek term that is translated "you have been saved" has the connotation of a completed action in the past that has continuing results in the future. How does this give you hope for the future?
- How should a better understanding of God's grace lead you to treat others more "gracefully?" To whom do you need to extend grace?
- What should be the result of salvation for the way we live? (v. 10)

## 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	Psalms	Proverbs
4	2 Kings 17:1-41	Acts 8:4-40	78:32-39	17:3-4
5	2 Kings 18:1-19:19	Acts 9:1-22	78:40-47	17:5-6
6	2 Kings 19:20-21:26	Acts 9:23-43	78:48-55	17:7-8
7	2 Kings 22:1-23:37	Acts 10:1-23	78:56-64	17:9-10
8	2 Kings 24:25-30	Acts 10:24-48	78:65-72	17:11-12
9	1 Chron 1:1-2:2	Acts 11:1-30	79:1-8	17:13-14
10	1 Chron 2:3-55	Acts 12:1-25	79:9-13	17:15-16
11	1 Chron 3:1-4:43	Acts 13:1-22	80:1-7	17:17

### 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

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## LOOKING TOWARD NEXT SUNDAY

### Acceptance - Luke 15:1-32

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

### MONDAY - JULY 5, 2010

#### Read John 3:1-3

*"1Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. 2But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3Then Jesus told them this parable:"*

- Who was Jesus spending time with in this situation?
- What was the reaction of the scribes and Pharisees to His relationships with these people?
- Why does Jesus tell the parables (stories laid alongside life)?

## TUESDAY - JULY 6, 2010

### Read Luke 15:4-7

*4"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."*

- Jesus tells the Parable of the Lost Sheep because the people of that day understood the life of a shepherd.
- Who does the shepherd represent? The sheep are representative of whom?
- What does the shepherd's action show about how He values each one individually?
- This is truly a picture of acceptance, but also a picture of God's care for us as believers. What does this parable teach us about God's love, acceptance and protection?

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## WEDNESDAY - JULY 7, 2010

### Read Luke 15:8-10

*8"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- This parable is about the Lost Coin. Palestinian women received 10 silver coins as a wedding gift. They had monetary value, but they also held sentimental value, like that of our wedding rings. What would be the feeling of finding a lost wedding gift such as this?
- What similarity does this passage draw to those feelings we would have over finding a lost wedding ring and how the angels feel when someone repents of their sin?
- This is a picture of salvation. Do you rejoice when someone comes to faith in Christ?

## THURSDAY - JULY 8, 2010

### Read Luke 15:11-32

*11Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. 12The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. 13"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. 14After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. 16He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. 17"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. 19I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' 20So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. 21"Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22"Then the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. 23Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. 24For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. (not all verses printed due to space)*

- This parable is about the Lost Boy or, as we more commonly refer to it, The Prodigal Son. The father in the story is representative of whom?
- Who does the prodigal son represent?
- Who does the older brother represent?
- What is the attitude of the father toward the son who leaves and goes into the far country?
- What does this attitude tell you about God and his love for you?
- Were you worthy of God's love when Jesus paid the price on the cross for your sins?
- Does salvation end with the cross?

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## FRIDAY - JULY 9, 2010

### Re-read Luke 15:1-32

- Acceptance is a universal need. We all want to feel loved and accepted.
- What have you learned about our acceptance of God?
- What do you know about God's acceptance of you?
- Why does God accept you and me into His "forever" family?