

## Growth Group Discussion

### Fall

#### Week 1

We use these times to *grow spiritually and to deepen our relationships*.

Communication is key to making growth groups fun and effective. So make sure you exchange contact information.

If we have to miss a meeting we will call or text \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to let the group know.

For our fun activity we will \_\_\_\_\_.  
For our service together we will \_\_\_\_\_.

### Mark 15

#### Reflection and Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's message?

2. Why do you think we feel the need sometimes to put on a religious "mask"—to make it look like everything is okay and our character and sins aren't as bad as they appear? How can the truth represented in Romans 3:23-28 help us break out of that mindset and fight the temptation to cover things up or not let others know what's really going on in order to save face?

3. In light of Luke 23:32-43, how is it possible to see our ugly side (sins) and take responsibility for them yet not feel guilty or depressed? Share how you think the power of the cross can free us from pretense and worrying about what others think of us if they "really knew" who we are?

4. Read II Corinthians 5:11-21. Jesus paid the ultimate price for us to be free. How can the cross motivate you to live a transformed and resurrected life? Why is personal transformation of ourselves and others the goal, rather than simply "being nice" or helping others?

In light of the cross, let's let our walk with God be authentic. Let's let our relationships be deep, vulnerable and honest. Let's be free, so our light can shine in this lost world!

## **Family Reminders**

### **New Here?**

Attend our **Newcomer's Lunch**

**NEXT SUNDAY after service at 12:20 p.m.**

This is a chance to meet a few new people, and hear a little bit more about our church family. Lunch is on us. To attend simply come on over to the Annex building (behind the auditorium) after service or find out more at the Welcome Center at the back of the auditorium.

### **Discover Class-starts next Sunday, September 17th in the office (to the right of auditorium)**

Come join us Sundays at 10 am for this informal class where we learn about how our stories fit into God's Story. Questions and discussion are welcomed. See the Welcome Center to learn more or to sign up.

### **Growth Groups**

Growth Groups are our way of connecting to one another at the small group level. Most groups meet in homes and include discussion of what we can learn and apply to our lives from the lessons on Sundays (including the questions in this bulletin). To find out more about our growth groups, please visit the Welcome Center at the back of the auditorium.

### **Camping Trip**

Campsite reservations for our annual Camping Trip to Stephen Foster campground in Georgia the weekend of November 10-12 have begun at the Welcome Center on Sundays. You can pay with cash, credit card, or check. Any additional nights you wish to stay can be made directly with the campground.