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- 7) We tend to focus on outward appearance, but God cares about the _____.
- 8) _____ says there is a price to be paid.
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- 10) A _____ relationship with God is both a privilege and a responsibility.
- 11) Genuine faith seeks to avoid _____,
- 12) Phony faith seeks to avoid _____.

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- 6) Our faith should be based on the **Word of God** rather than signs and wonders.
- 7) We tend to focus on outward appearance, but God cares about the **heart**.
- 8) **Bitterness** says there is a price to be paid.
- 9) **Forgiveness** says it was paid in full on the cross.
- 10) A **personal** relationship with God is both a privilege and a responsibility.
- 11) Genuine faith seeks to avoid **sinning**,
- 12) Phony faith seeks to avoid **getting caught**.

so you also must do. [14] But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. [15] And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful."

What stands out to you the most from the above passages?

- 6) God commands us to forgive each other. Do you think this forgiveness looks different when forgiving someone who is unrepentant vs someone who is repentant? Why or why not?

TAKING IT HOME

- 7) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework **For the week of April 25, 2021**

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) God used the persecution and death of Stephen to scatter the church (and therefore, the gospel). Looking back at your life, can you think of an example of how God used a hard or difficult situation for His purpose and glory?
- 2) This week we saw the church transition from a "Come and See" ministry to a "Go and Tell" ministry. When God first began His work on your heart, were you going to the church for answers, or was the church coming to you? Explain.

REVIEW

- 3) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 4) This week Jarrod reminded us that Satan has real, supernatural power. How do the following verses comfort or guide you when it comes to demonic power?

1 John 4:4 - "[4] You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."

John 10:9-10 - "[9] 'I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. [10] 'The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

1 Peter 5:8-10 - "[8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. [10] But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

Ephesians 6:11-12 - "[11] Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

If a friend was fearful of the enemy, which of the above passages would you share with them, and why? (Pick 1)

- 5) This week we learned how bitterness is essentially to refuse to forgive. Remembering our need for forgiveness and God's incredible provision of it will help us become generous in our forgiveness of others. The following verses take us back to the basics. Stop and reflect on each passage and underline any key principles. How does each passage help you grow in your ability or motivation to forgive?

Isaiah 53:6 - "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

Isaiah 59:1-3 - "[1] Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. [2] But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear. [3] For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity."

Isaiah 55:6-7 - "[6] Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. [7] Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."

Colossians 3:12-15 - "[12] Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; [13] bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you,