

# Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

## Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a \* meet at the Westwood building):

\*11:45 - David Britton

\*1:00-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings 6:00 - \*Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck, Rudie Thomsen, \*Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, \*Kelly Hillis

**(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)**

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## *The Security of the Saved, #1*

### Introduction:

- A. Why talk about the security of the saved?
  - It allows our fears to be dealt with.
  - Gives us confidence for the task at hand.
  - Offers the emotional stability we need.
- B. But first things first; for you to have security in your salvation, you must know that you have obeyed the teaching of Jesus Christ in order to be saved!
  - **God's Plan for Saving Man:** John 3:16; John 14:6; Titus 3:3-5; Eph. 2:8-9
  - **Man's Response to God's Plan:** Rom. 10:17; Jn. 8:32; Lk. 13:3; Matt. 10:32; Acts 2:38
  - **God's Plan of Restoration:** James 5:16; Luke 15:11-32, esp. 20-24

### I. Your \_\_\_\_\_ of God

- A. I believe where and how you grew up has a lot to say about what your vision of God is like and therefore how you envision God's ability to save you or keep you saved.
- B. A good test for this is found in **Luke 22:54-62**
- C. Now here's the test: "**What did Peter see in the eyes of Jesus that pierced his heart? What did the eyes, the look of Jesus tell Peter?**"
- D. I think our root image of God – perhaps one we learned in childhood, one that is the core of our inner being, will probably shape how we feel about this text.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Many times, Christians don't "feel" forgiven. They still bear guilt of past sins and doubt God's willingness to remove those sins.
- B. The problem with all this guilt comes because we lack understanding about the way God forgives:
  - 1. God forgives \_\_\_\_\_ (Nehemiah 9:17)
  - 2. God forgives \_\_\_\_\_ (Col. 2:13; 1 Cor. 13:5; Jer. 31:34)
  - 3. God forgives \_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:9; Matt. 18:21-22)
  - 4. God forgives \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 6:23; Romans 8:1)

### Close...

- We must come to terms with the way God loves and forgives. If we can't – we'll never feel secure about our salvation, and if we are not convinced of our salvation – **how compelling will our message be to those that we try to reach?**

Westwood Church of Christ  
Sunday Morning  
April 23, 2017

## Life Group Questions

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1. Have you ever or have you known of other Christians who had serious doubts about the security of their salvation? What brought about that insecurity?
2. If you have had insecurity in the past, what are some things that have been an encouragement to you in becoming more secure in your salvation?
3. Read Luke 22:54-62. Honestly, what was your initial answer this morning to the question, "What did Peter see in the eyes of Jesus that pierced his heart and caused him to go out and weep bitterly?"
4. Why is it true that some Christians see Jesus giving Peter a harsh look of condemnation, judgment and disgust?
5. Think for a minute: If they see that in the eyes of Jesus when Peter made a mistake, what look do you think they are going to give you when you make one?
6. Conversely, if we see compassion, forgiveness and redemption in the eyes of Jesus, what "look" are we more likely to give others when they sin?
7. According to our lesson this morning, what were the four ways God forgives? Discuss these in light of how God forgives us and how we should forgive others vs. how we presently forgive others (Neh. 9:17; Col. 2:13; 1 Cor. 13:5; Jer. 31:34; 1 John 1:9; Matt. 18:21-22; Rom. 6:23; Rom. 8:1).