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But there is a higher truth about who we \_\_\_\_\_ and what we can \_\_\_\_\_.

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*Christianity:* **JESUS** got what we **DESERVE**.

God's divine **JUSTICE** and the idea of **KARMA** both ended **AT THE CROSS**.

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All of us deserve **DEATH** and **ETERNAL SEPARATION** from God.

Jesus paid the price for our **POISONING** of **SIN**.

Accepting this **GRACE** and **MERCY** is the only way to be **SAVED**.

### The two truths and a lie that we are left with:

2 Corinthians 5:17

There is a truth about who **WE ARE** and what we **DESERVE**.

But there is a higher truth about who we **CAN BE** and what we can **HAVE INSTEAD**.

The lie: **NEITHER** of those truths **APPLY** to me.

## Life Group Study Questions

For the week of March 14, 2021

(Questions and Scriptures for further study & discussion)

### MY STORY

*This week is the final meeting of our Winter Quarter. We'll take a two-week break, then the Spring Quarter begins the week of April 4 and runs through May 29. To wrap up the quarter, we'll spend some time this week looking back at our study in Acts and how God has worked in our lives while taking Communion.*

1. We're starting our last meeting of the quarter with some fun by playing the game "Two Truths and a Lie." Here's how it works: Each member of the group tells two truths and one lie about themselves (in any order). Everyone else guesses which statement is actually the false one. You can keep score to see who correctly guesses the most lies, or just play for fun—it's up to your group.

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

### HOW HAS GOD GOTTEN YOUR ATTENTION SO FAR?

1. It was just over a year ago we started studying the book of Acts. As we close the Winter Quarter, we want to take a look back at how God has gotten our attention, grown us, challenged us or encouraged us through this series and meeting as group this past quarter. Take a moment to think back on what you've learned, marked in your Bible or written in your notes about the themes we've covered (some are below). Jot down any highlights that stood out to you and give a brief explanation as to why you picked them.

#### **Some quotes and highlights from our Acts Study:**

*"The Spirit is living, the church is moving, and we are invited to play our part in it."*

*"My greatest need isn't temporary healing. It's forgiveness and the power of the Holy Spirit."*

*"No one is too broken to be redeemed."*

*"A detailed and crystal-clear calling is the exception, not the norm."*

*"Speaking truth with God's love requires timing, tact and tone."*

*"Jesus died for His enemies; all He asks is that we love our enemies."*

*"The only true judge of God's goodness is the cross, not my current circumstances."*

*"If you can get out of a valley without disobeying God or hurting others, get out."*

*"The church was known for who they followed, not what they were against."*

*"Our enemy can't create; he can only counterfeit."*

*"Never reinterpret Scripture in light of your life experience."*

*"How someone responds to Jesus is far more dependent upon their openness than our eloquence."*

2. This week, we heard how it's important to not get stuck looking for miracles instead of focusing on God's promises. Below is a list of some of the promises God gives us. Jot down the promise each one reveals. Circle the two that catch your attention the most and be ready to explain why.

**Galatians 6:9 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

**1 John 1:9 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 Peter 2:9 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

**2 Timothy 2:13 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

**John 14:27 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

**John 15:3 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

**Isaiah 40:29 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

**2 Corinthians 5:17 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

## REMEMBERING

Jesus wants us to remember what He has done for us and that He is here to walk through life with us. That's why Jesus told the disciples at the Last Supper to repeatedly come together and take Communion. Taking Communion is about remembering all Christ accomplished through His death on the cross and resurrection. It is through this sacrifice that Jesus' grace and mercy are made available to us.

This week, your Life Group will conclude by doing as the disciples did, taking Communion together. To prepare for Communion, read the following verses and reflect on Jesus' commitment and work in your life as you follow Him. Write down a few of your thoughts about the impact each of these verses has on you.

### **1 Peter 2:22-25 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." <sup>23</sup> When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." <sup>25</sup> For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

### **Romans 5:7-11 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup> Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **1 Corinthians 11:23-26 New International Version (NIV)**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

As Chris mentioned in his sermon after the closing prayer, **if you're not in a Life Group** and would like to take Communion on your own or with a group of friends, see this link to help guide you through it: [northcoastchurch.com/communion/](http://northcoastchurch.com/communion/)



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