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The Passage

John 1:29-36, ESV

- ✓ "The Lamb of God" Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice for sins! Isaiah 53:7, John 1:29, John 1:36, 1 Peter 1:19
- ✓ "Takes Away Sin" Expiation means to be forgiven and cleansed of sin by God!

 Hebrews 2:17, 1 Samuel 3:14, Isaiah 27:9

How to Find Forgiveness with God

5 Steps to Finding Forgiveness with God

- **1.** Acknowledge God as the **source** of forgiveness. John 1:29, Ephesians 1:7, Isaiah 43:25, Micah 7:18-19, 1 John 1:9, Mark 2:7
- **2.** Confess your <u>need</u> for forgiveness.

 1 John 1:8-10, Psalm 51:1-5, Isaiah 6:1-5, Romans 3:23
- **3.** Understand the **means** of forgiveness.
 - ✓ Old Covenant

 Hebrews 9:22, Leviticus 4:27-31, Leviticus 5:17-18
 - ✓ New Covenant

 Matthew 26:27-28, John 1:29, Ephesians 1:7-8, Colossians 2:13-15
- **4.** Be <u>assured</u> of your forgiveness.

 1 John 1:8-9, I John 2:2, Psalm 51:7, 103:8-12, Hebrews 8:10,12, Ephesians 1:7-8a
- **5.** Accept your forgiveness with <u>action</u>. *James 2:14-26*
 - ✓ The **inward** response of faith Acts 16:31, John 1:29, Mark 1:14-15
 - ✓ The **outward** response of baptism 1 John 1:9, Acts 22:16, Mark 1:4-5

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TALK IT OVER

Ice Breaker - What's the worst thing you ever did? Just kidding! Who's the most forgiving person you know and why?

- 1. What stood out to you about the message and why? Review the outline. (You may want to take some time to look up the supporting scriptures on the points that are mentioned.)
- 2. Take a minute to read John 1:29-36, ESV.
- 3. Imagine you are standing next to John the Baptist. You're feeling guilty burdened with sin and you hear him announce that Jesus is the one who takes away the sins of the world. How would you feel?
- 4. Share about a time in your life when you personally experienced forgiveness from God. What was that like?
- 5. Close in prayer. Take some time to thank God for His forgiveness. Pray for our church's witness and one another in the group.