GOD'S LOVE CHANGES A CITY

FPHFSIANS 1:1-14

CATCH-UP:

WHAT WAS YOUR HIGHLIGHT FROM THE PAST WEEK? WHAT WAS YOUR LOW POINT FROM THE LAST WEEK?

READING/DISCUSSION:

READ THE SERMON TEXT FOR THIS WEEK.

- HOW DID THIS SERMON/TEXT DEEPEN YOUR FAITH? HOW DID IT CHALLENGE YOU? EXPLAIN.
- WHAT RESONATED WITH YOU THE MOST FROM THIS SERMON/TEXT? EXPLAIN.
- WHAT DID THIS PASSAGE TEACH YOU ABOUT GOD? WHAT DID IT TEACH YOU ABOUT YOURSELF? HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE IMPACT HOW YOU VIEW GOD, YOURSELF, AND OTHERS?
- IF SOMEONE ASKED YOU TO ANSWER THE QUESTION, "WHO ARE YOU?" HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND?
- HOW CAN YOU DISCERN WHAT IT IS YOU FIND YOUR IDENTITY IN? WHAT/WHO IS YOUR IDENTITY IN?
- WHAT DOES THIS SERMON/PASSAGE TEACH YOU ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY?
- WHICH DAY FROM THE DAILY WORK RESONATED WITH YOU THE MOST? WHY?
- HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE OR SERMON CHALLENGE YOU TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY THIS WEEK?

ENCOURAGEMENT:

- WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD DOING IN YOU THAT YOU NEED TO RESPOND TO?
- WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD DOING AROUND YOU THAT YOU THINK HE IS INVITING YOU INTO?
- WHAT DO YOU SENSE GOD DOING THROUGH YOU THAT YOU NEED COURAGE FOR?

GROUP PRAYER: SPEND TIME AS A GROUP IN PRAYER PRAISING GOD FOR WHO HE IS AND WHAT HE HAS DONE IN AND THROUGH CHRIST JESUS. SPEND TIME AS A GROUP PRAYING FOR THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN YOUR LIFE AND FOR THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW JESUS.

ACCOUNTABILITY: AT THIS TIME, THE GROUP MAY WANT TO SPLIT INTO SMALLER, GENDERED GROUPS.

- WHO ARE YOU IN GOD'S EYES? WHO ARE YOU IN THE EYES OF THIS GROUP? WHAT HAS CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED FOR YOU ON THE CROSS?
- WHAT HAS YOUR TIME IN GOD'S WORD AND PRAYER BEEN LIKE THIS WEEK?
- HAVE YOU CONSISTENTLY REFLECTED THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO THOSE IN YOUR LIFE THIS WEEK?
- WHERE HAVE YOU WRESTLED WITH TEMPTATION THIS WEEK?
- WHAT STRONGHOLDS HAVE YOU WRESTLED WITH THIS WEEK?
- WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO AVOID TEMPTATION?
- HAVE YOU BEEN 100% HONEST?

PRAYER: SPEND TIME AS A GROUP IN PRAYER FOR ANYTHING THAT MAY HAVE SURFACED FROM THE DISCUSSION/ACCOUNTABILITY TIME THAT YOU PERSONALLY FEEL LIKE NEEDS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE LORD.