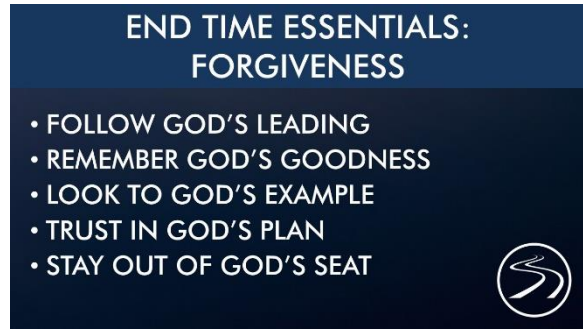


End Time Essentials: Forgiveness October 25, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Do you have a testimony from your own life about the power of forgiveness? Take some time to share with your group.
2. What stood out to you in the story of Joseph reconnecting with his brothers?
3. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
4. Read Luke 15:11-32
 - a) What lessons do you think Jesus is teaching through this parable?
 - b) Who do you identify with most in this story, the younger brother or the older brother? Why?
 - c) What was the father's reaction to seeing his lost son come home? What does this tell us about God?
 - d) How would you describe the core differences between the older brother and the father?
 - e) What does the parable teach us about having a forgiving heart?
 - f) What causes us to sometimes harbor resentment when mercy is shown to someone else?
 - g) How can we become more like the father in this story?
5. Read Luke 7:36-47
 - a) Who invited Jesus to dinner? (7:36)
 - b) What did the Pharisee say about what the woman did? (7:39)
 - c) How did Jesus respond to Simon the Pharisee's harsh thoughts? (7:40-43)
 - d) What is the message of the parable Jesus taught? (7:41-42)
 - e) What was the woman's motivation for her actions?
 - f) What was the result of the woman's kindness? (7:47-48)
 - g) How did the other guests react to Jesus' forgiveness of the woman? (7:49)
 - h) Why, according to Jesus, was the woman saved? (7:50)
 - i) What does this story teach us about the power of forgiveness?
6. Pray together that God would give you forgiving hearts. And pray for any specific needs in your group.