



#Seriously: The Past

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Ice-Breakers

1. What is the strangest or funniest gift you have ever received?
2. What is the best gift you have ever received?

Big Idea: The best gift we can give or receive is forgiveness.

Sermon Discussion Questions:

3. Pastor Robby shared that instead of burying our sins, we need to talk about them with someone who cares about us. Do you have a trusted confidant who will challenge you? If not, perhaps you could find one through your Life Group.
4. The other 4 ways that we deal with our sin are beat ourselves up, blame, minimize, or maximize. Which do you tend to do? What can you do to begin changing this?
5. Pastor Robby offered that the solution is to "Believe what God said: You can't earn forgiveness. It is a gift to be received. (1 Timothy 1:13-15)" Consider your actions. Do you attempt to "earn" your forgiveness? How?
6. Do you truly believe that complete forgiveness is a gift for you? Do your actions support this? (1 Corinthians 1:30)
7. Pastor Robby shared that satan lies all the time. What lies have you allowed satan to continue convincing you of? Sharing with the group allows members to share the truth with you about the lies you struggle with believing.
8. Genesis 50:20 - *You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.* - Share something in your life that looked bad/sinful/harmful/or evil that God turned around for God.

Final Steps:

Take time as a group to pray for one another. Our past, or current hurts, are very painful. Often, others can often see an easy solution, even though we can't see how we will ever dig out. Pray for clear vision, that we will quit listening to the lies from the enemy, and that God will use us and our past for His good.

