LIFE TEAM NOTES: Jesus Unfiltered – week of Jan 29

To prepare for this week’s meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great first meeting as you come together to connect and encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

**getting to know you**

**Go around the room and introduce yourself to the group.**

* What was one of your favorite grades or ages during your grammar school years and why?
* Is there anything you would like your group pray for this week?
* Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**Overview - review Sunday's message**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

This week we caught a glimpse of the importance that grace plays in the Kingdom of God. Was there one point or principle that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or confused you more than the others?

**What is Grace - Grace is God’s unmerited favor.**

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**My Story**

* Is there a character in the parable from this week’s teaching that you relate to more than the others? Who and why?
* What are some of the ways you’ve seen grace show up in your life? Explain.
* What are some of the ways you have experienced in your life? Explain

**Digging Deeper**

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**Numbers 12:1-16**

* How might someone today get caught up in a “comparison game” or “envy trap” similar to Miriam?

The comparison game can quickly send us into a downward spiral of negative attitudes and actions. What are some of the specific attitudes or actions that might flow out of being envious of someone else’s …

*… position, status or authority*

 *…possessions or material blessings*

*…quantity or quality of personal relationships*

* Circle the ones you might be more susceptible to than the others?
* How do the following verses speak to the comparison game and/or an appreciation of all the grace and good things we’ve already received?

**Ecclesiastes 7:21-22, Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:4-10, 1 John 1:8-10**

* Being able to celebrate or appreciate someone else’s accomplishments that overshadow our own is a significant indicator of how well we’re avoiding the “envy trap” and understanding the grace we’ve already received. How might the following verses help us celebrate the accomplishments of others?

**Proverbs 3:27, Proverbs 15:30, Galatians 6:9-10, Philippians 2:3**

* Which of these principles is most important for you to remember and why?
* **How will you walk this out this week?**

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2. What are some of the ways you have experienced grace in your life?

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**Which one of the trader challenges applies to this week subject?**