

Session

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BIG IDEA

Sacred Forgetfulness invites us to remember God's love covers a multitude of sins and mistakes.

OPENING QUESTION:

Where did you see God move in the last week?

GROUP DISCUSSION

- Read this passage: Isaiah 43:14-25 in two different versions of the Bible – everyone listens.
- What are some significant observations you have about this text? What stood out? What didn't you like? What was confusing?
- What does this passage teach us about God? How does it change how I see God?
- What does this passage teach us about humanity/ourselves? How would it change how I treat others?
- What does this passage teach us about obedience and following the way of Jesus? How should it affect the way I live?

November 8
WEEKEND

Thought: Sacred Forgetfulness – To release the defining power of our past—good, bad, or indifferent—in order that we might be rooted in the defining power of God.

Can you answer yes to any of the following?
- Are there things from your past that still eats at your soul?
- Are there any choices that you fear will haunt you for the rest of your life?
- Is there anything in your story that has too much power in the present?

These things can take us to places God never intended. Gods' past actions should point us to a future hope and trust in him. Regret is good when it leads us to repentance, it is bad when it keeps us from what God has for us.

Questions:
What are some things in your life that you know God did for you?
How does that give you hope for the future?
How have you seen regret rob people of a future hope?
What does it mean to proclaim the praise of God?

If God is going to do something new I must:
- Resist the Lure of Regret.
- Let Past Relationships Set Your Standard, Not Your Expectations.
- Let Pain Be a Source of Power, Not a Snare in Your Life.
- Live A Life That Invites You to Hope.

"We are products of our past, but we don't have to be prisoners of it. God's purpose is not limited by your past." – Rick Warren

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I will statement...
Based on what God is teaching in this passage, what should I do? Reflect for a minute or two and develop an action statement. As disciples this helps us to be changed by Jesus. Put it in the form, "I Will _____". Make it concrete, simple, and achievable.

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