Life Group Lesson Outline

Jesus loves CA (week 5)
Date of sermon given: October 18th, 2026

Icebreaker (10-15 minutes)

Purpose: Encourage fellowship and set a comfortable tone.
Example Questions:

- What is your high and low for the week?
- What are some things that gave you joy this week?
- What are some things that gave you sadness this week?

Lesson / Discussion (30-40 minutes)

Opening Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 12:17-21; Galatians 6:7-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Theme = Pastor Sam explores what it means for Christians to engage in a life of "sacrificial service" and good works. He emphasizes that while good works cannot earn our salvation, they possess the powerful capacity to interrupt the cycles of evil in the world, change human hearts, and reveal the character of God. Ultimately, believers are called to live out ordinary, everyday acts of love and generosity that shine as a light in the darkness.

Question 1 = Christian good works are not meant to earn God's love, but rather flow *from* the grace we have already received. In what ways does knowing you are already fully loved by God free you to serve others without anxiety or pressure?

Question 2 = Jesus calls believers the "salt of the earth", which acts as a deterrent and interruption to the growth of evil. How does active, non-retaliatory goodness challenge the natural human instinct to repay evil with evil?

Question 3 = The message shared the impactful real-life story of Daryl Davis and the transformative power of intentional, relational kindness toward enemies. When you think of difficult or hostile relationships in your own life, what is one practical way you can overcome evil with good?

Question 4 = Referencing George Eliot's quote about the growing good of the world being half dependent on "unremarkable people who live hidden lives of good", where are the everyday spaces—such as your workplace, neighborhood, or family—where God has placed you to let your light shine?

Reflection / Prayer = Take some time to pray for each other and our church.

Prayer Requests (10-30 minutes)

- Invite group members to share prayer needs. It would be good for the Leader to start this sharing time.
- Close with prayer, praying for each request. (if they are comfortable, rotate who prays for the group)

- **Leader Notes** [Space for personal notes or reflections]
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