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Christian – Session 6 Angry Birds

Discussion Questions

1. In what ways do you sense alienation from God among people in your community?
2. In what ways do you see evidence of self-righteousness among religious people in your community?
3. Are you convinced there's nothing you can do to cause God to love you more than he already does? Why or why not?
4. Are you convinced there's nothing others can do to cause God to love them more than he already does? Why or why not?
5. In what ways are you tempted to grow slack in your understanding and acceptance of God's grace?

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6. In what ways are you tempted to grow slack in your understanding and acceptance of God's truth?

Mileposts:

- We're called to capture and reflect the full embodiment of grace and truth that Jesus manifested in all his encounters with people.
- God seeks out the lost, and he wholeheartedly celebrates their return to Him. In this same way, we're to have our hearts saturated with his love toward others.
- God wants us to become increasingly more comfortable with embracing the tension between God's grace and God's truth, refusing to let go of either.

Moving Forward:

Examine your heart. Do you realize God cannot love you more than He already does? That there's nothing you can do to cause Him to love you any more or any less? Do you realize the same is true about God's love for others? Let this saturate your thinking, so that sin (yours and others') will always break your heart...while repentance will always stir up your highest joy.

Changing Your Mind

In this concluding statement to one of the brief stories Jesus told, He points us to the joy we can share in as we share His heart toward others:

I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. -Luke 15:10

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Preparation for Session 7:

To help you prepare for Session 7, use these suggested devotions during the week leading up to your small group meeting.

Day 1

Look at the encounter Jesus had with certain religious leaders in Matthew 15:1-9. What exactly were these men doing wrong? In this situation, how did Jesus demonstrate His values and His heart and mind?

Day 2

Turn to Romans 13:8. What do you see personally as the right way of understanding the obligation Paul mentions in this verse?

Day 3

Look today at Romans 13:9. What particular significance for your life do you find in Paul's words here?

Day 4

Move today to Romans 13:10. How would you express in your own words what Paul is saying here?

Day 5

Look at the conversation Jesus had in Mark 12:28-34. How does the teaching of Jesus here relate to what you observed in Romans 13:8-10? And how does it relate to the words of Jesus we focused on earlier in John 13:34-35?