



# COLLABORATIVE DISCIPLESHIP

## 2 Cultivate

## God's Love and Forgiveness

## 1 Connect

**Summary** Living a life of confession, repentance and faith allows us to experience daily fellowship with God.

**Read** 1 John 1:5-2:2 and ask the following questions:

- 1 What do you like about this passage?
- 2 What do you find uncomfortable or difficult to understand in this passage?
- 3 What appears to be the main idea emphasized in this passage? (Look for repeated words or ideas.)

**Consider** how the following passages increase our understanding of this topic:

**A Read** Psalm 32:1-5

- 1 How does King David describe his experience while he was refusing to acknowledge his sin to God?
- 2 How did David respond to God after experiencing forgiveness?

**B Read** Colossians 2:6-14

- 1 How does a person receive Jesus?
- 2 How are believers to walk in ongoing fellowship with Jesus?
- 3 What has God done with our sins?
- 4 What kind of authority or right does Jesus have to forgive us our sins?
- 5 How does it feel to know that Jesus has forgiven all of your sins, even the ones that cause you to feel ashamed?

- 4 What are the beliefs and values promoted in these passages?
- 5 What do they reveal about our human condition and God's response?
- 6 How are these beliefs and values similar or different from those that have influenced you? (such as your family, culture, peers, church, etc.)
- 7 How might our faith increase and our lives change as we embrace what is true and important?
- 8 In light of what we've discussed, how can we pray for each other right now?

Describe someone you know who has great character. How have they impacted your life?

## 3 Care

Since we last met, what happened as a result of expressing Christ's love to others?

How can you, or we, express Christ's love to others this week?

Here are a few ideas:

**Pray** God would meet their deepest needs.

**Help** meet a felt need they have.

**Encourage** them with a text, note or verbally.

**Give** them a thoughtful gift or buy them coffee.

**Invite** them to do something fun or meaningful.

**Listen** to their story.

**Explore** their thoughts on the gospel.