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Those Overly Positive People May 12, 2019

Those People – 1 John 1:8, John 8:32 Community Group Discussion Questions

**PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION**

* **Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won’t have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.**
* **Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.**
* **You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.**
* **Check out this Facilitation Guide (**[**http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide**](http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide)**) for tips on leading good discussions.**

**ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Share your name and answer one of the following questions:** 
   * **­­On a scale of 1 to 10, 1 being a pessimist and 10 being an optimist, what number would you give yourself and why?**
   * Do you tend to see the glass half full or half empty? Why do you say that?

**REVIEWING THE SERMON (5-10 Minutes)**

1. **Looking at your notes, what were your biggest takeaways from Sunday’s sermon?**
2. Drew shared 3 types of people in denial:
   * Naïve Denier – They are blind to the problem
   * Hypocritical Denier – They hide the problem
   * Holy Denier – They act like Christian’s shouldn’t have problems
   * Which kind of denier do you find most frustrating (at home, work, school, etc.)?
   * Which of these types of denial is most common for you?
3. **Drew defined denial as replacing facts with fantasy.**
   * **What are some facts that people like to replace with fantasy?**
4. Drew shared that we can’t overcome denial until we acknowledge reality.
   * When was a time you moved from denying a problem to acknowledging it?

**REFLECTING ON SCRIPTURE (10 Minutes) –** *ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app.*

1. **Read 1 John 1:5-10.**
   * **What implications do these verses have for how we address denial?**
2. Read John 8:32.
   * How does acknowledging the truth help set us free?

**APPLYING THE SERMON (10-20 Minutes)**

1. **Drew encouraged us to ask the question, “Where am I not embracing reality?”**
   * **How would you answer that question?**
2. Is there an area of your life that you've avoided honestly evaluating because you're scared of what you'll find?

**GROWTH GOALS**

1. In prayer time, ask each other how you each are doing at accomplishing the growth goal you set at the beginning of the trimester.