



CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week #3 – They weren't "All Saints" and That's OK



GETTING STARTED

Who is someone who has made a lasting impact on your life – and what's one thing they taught you that still sticks with you today?

THIS WEEK'S THEME

Who is someone you especially remember on All Saints Sunday?

What do you most miss about them – and what about them still makes you smile or laugh?

Hans reminded us that the people we love aren't all saints – they were human, complex, and sometimes frustrating. How does it feel to acknowledge both the good and the hard parts of those we've lost?

Why do you think it's freeing to remember that our loved ones – and we ourselves – are both saints and sinners?

How do you see the same "saint and sinner" tension in your own life – moments when you live faithfully and yet fall short?

How might being honest about our imperfections actually make our faith stronger?

Read Matthew 16:13-20 – This was a bold moment of faith for Peter. Can you think of a time when your faith felt strong and certain like this? What helps you hold onto that faith when life gets complicated or uncertain?

Read Luke 22:54-62 – Peter's failure is painful and public. How do you relate to his fear or regret? Why do you think Jesus still chose Peter – even though he knew Peter would deny him – to lead and love others?

Read Hebrews 12:1-2 – Who are some of the "witnesses" – people who've gone before you – who continue to encourage your faith? How does knowing you're surrounded by those examples change the way you face your own struggles?

TAKING IT HOME

Write a note or say a prayer of thanks for someone – living or gone – who helped you see God's grace in real life.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for the saints and sinners who've shaped our lives. Teach us to live with the same mixture of grace and grit, honesty and hope. Keep us mindful that Your love is what makes us whole. Amen.