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WELCOME:
Fixing
Our Focus

Suggested Icebreaker:
Ask each GG member to share an instance when another person, be it a relative, friend, or perhaps boss at work, extended mercy to them. How did it make them feel?

WORSHIP:
Adoring
Our God

Suggested song:
[His Mercy is More](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will be discerning in treating others because God will treat them similarly.
2. GG members will assess themselves first before presuming to lead or correct others.

INTRODUCTION

In the previous section of this Gospel, Jesus taught his disciples how to treat their enemies, that is, to love them. In this section, Jesus warned his disciples against certain behaviors when interacting with others.

Jesus warned his disciples that God would treat them the same way they treat others (vv. 37-38)

As a corollary to loving others, Jesus taught his disciples not to be harsh and unforgiving toward others, for God would treat them in the same way.

1. What did Jesus mean when he warned his disciples against judging others? Does this mean they are not to correct or confront others when they sin? (cf. Matthew 7:6; 18:15-20)
2. In the same way, what did Jesus precisely mean when he warned against condemning others? What do you think is the purpose behind this warning? (cf. Matthew 12:7-8)
3. Why should we forgive others? How can you reconcile this with the message of the gospel that God gave forgiveness as a free gift? (cf. Matthew 6:14-15; James 5:15-16)
4. What did Jesus teach his disciples regarding how God will reward them when they give generously? (cf. Ephesians 3:20-21)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

Application

Part of loving others is refraining from treating them harshly and withholding forgiveness. We will continue to grow in this while we are being sanctified by God. Where do you need the help of the Holy Spirit the most? What can you do to be less harsh or unforgiving of others?

Jesus warned his disciples against hypocrisy (vv. 39-42)

Jesus issued a warning to his disciples that they should assess themselves first before they presume to lead others or correct them. If they have sin in their lives, they should address that first before they can lead others or address sin in their lives.

1. What was Jesus trying to teach with the parable of the blind leading the blind? What will happen to the disciples of a blind teacher? (cf. Matthew 15:12-14; 23:15-17)
2. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach with the parable of the man with a plank in his eye and another who has a speck in his eye? (cf. Galatians 6:1)
3. How would you define a hypocrite, and how can believers avoid becoming like one?

Application

What areas of your life do you need the Holy Spirit's sanctifying work? How can your Growth Group help you grow more in maturity and purity in the faith?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

PRAYER ITEM

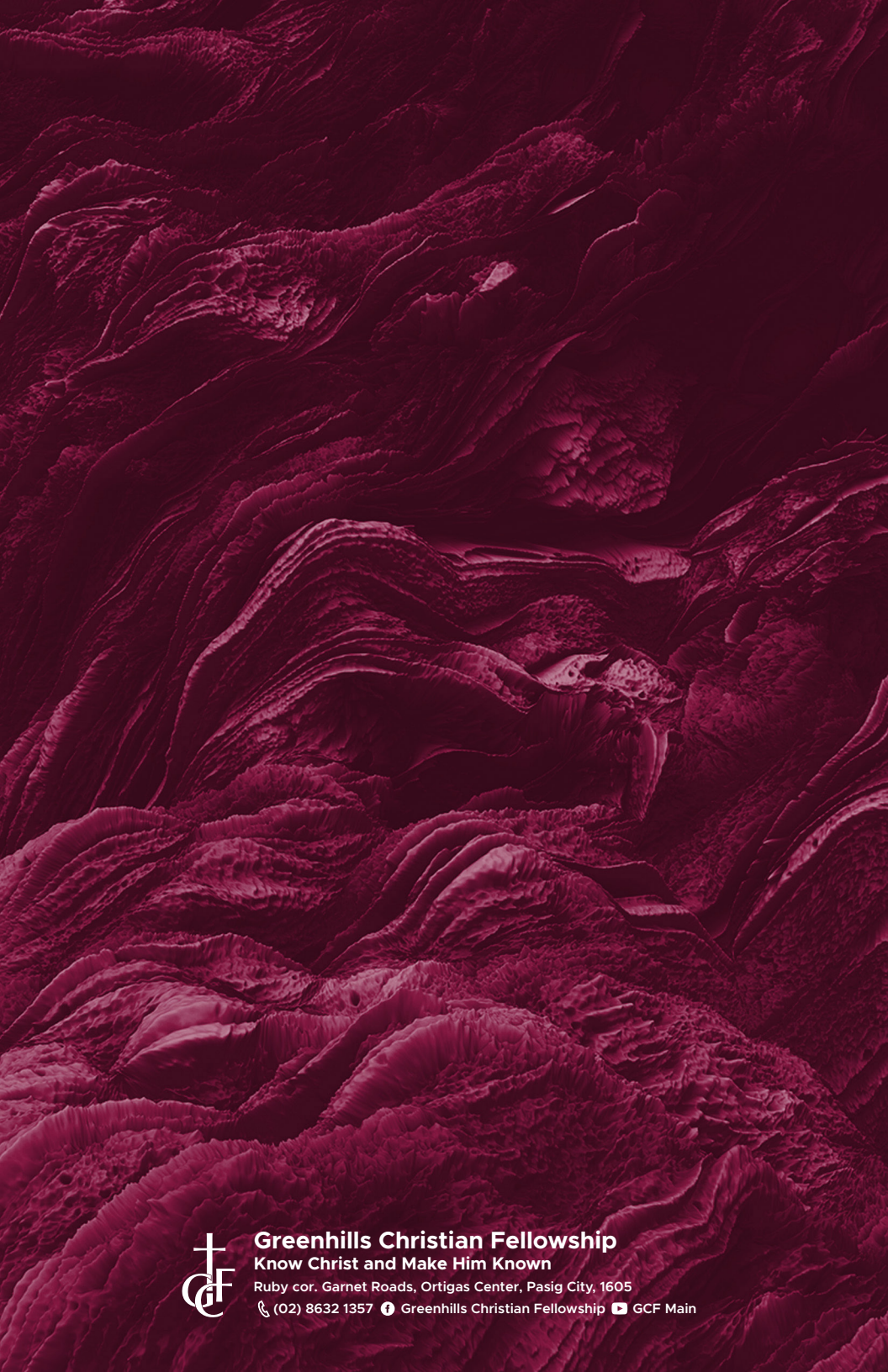
Father God, thank you for your mercy and compassion on me.

I acknowledge that I do not deserve it. Teach me to extend that same mercy and compassion to others so that I may reflect your character and glorify your name. Help me to be sensitive to sin in my life. I trust your word that you have given me victory over sin through the life and death of your son, Jesus Christ. Mold me to become holy just as you are holy, that my life may be an acceptable sacrifice in your sight. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen. ■



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