

NOTES:

The basis of our plea before God is the blood of Jesus. This begins in asking for forgiveness from our sins because Jesus paid the price for them. We are able to have peace with God—to be brought near to Him—because Jesus died for us. When we plead the blood in salvation, it is done. You can't let the past torment you with condemnation.

Because of the blood of Jesus, we do not have to have fear in talking to God. You can't plead the blood of Jesus and hide from God or continue in being dishonest. True repentance stops us from making excuses or making light of our sin. All sin is deeply troubling to a Father who loves us.

Our sins will hinder our relationship with God. It doesn't break our union with Christ, but it does make it harder for us to hear Him. Our sin also grieves the Holy Spirit. So we must plead the blood to restore our relationship with Him. This isn't a flippant prayer, it is a prayer that brings cleansing.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why does pleading the blood of Jesus bring our forgiveness?

How does pleading Jesus's blood bring peace into our lives? How does it stop fear?

Why is it important to be specific when confessing sins?

How have you seen confession of sins bring a restoration to your relationship with God?

Why is it important to plead the blood of Jesus over the memory of your past hurts or sins?

If possible, split into gender specific groups for this question:

Are there sins that you need to confess to our group and we can plead the blood of Jesus over you for forgiveness?

VERSES:

Ephesians 1:7

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

1 John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.