## Baycities Lomita Fall 2019 Growth Groups Series: "Living The Jesus Life" Part 2 Theme: "Happy Are The Sad"- Week of September 15, 2019

## Follow-Up Bible Study and Discussion Questions

Message Summary: This week we looked at Matt. 5:4... Happy are the sad! Really upside down thinking, right? Sad people are not happy usually! They are stressed depressed, down trodden, discouraged, and hopeless! We could go on! But Jesus is talking about those who get into His kingdom... those who are candidates for salvation, demonstrate the traits of sadness... of course this is not regular sadness... this is sadness over their sin and their sinful condition! Jesus said... Blessed or internally happy and at peace... are those who mourn, or are sad... over their sin... because these are the people who find comfort... forgiveness, guilt removed... as they are ready to callout to Jesus to deal with their sin... and the result is comfort... rather than guilt, and closeness with God rather than feeling shut out of His kingdom! Now that's the most comforting of feelings... to be right with God... your sins washed away! But Jesus says... only those who see their sinful condition, and realize it is that condition that separates them from God... enter His Kingdom! These folks realize, they cannot fix themselves! So, in their mourning over their sinful condition, they cry out to Jesus for help, and he forgives their sin! If there is no mourning over sin it usually means people are not ready to seek a Savior! Jesus says it is our sinful condition that we need to be aware of...your friends you are trying to witness to about Jesus... also need to see how their sin and sinfulness separates them from God! That revelation may be the key to many seeing their need for a savior! (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23)

1. What can we do to help people see the impact of their sinfulness on their lives, and on the lives around them and on their relationship with God? Read Isaiah. 59:1-2 to help with your answer.

2. Discuss what impact your own Baptism plays in helping you as a Christian be strong and obey God rather than revert to sinful activities that you might be struggling with? (Hint: remember where you came from!)

| 3. In 2 minutes or lessdescribe to the group how you came to believe in Jesus and made Him your Lord and Savior? (Or if you are still seeking Him, how far you have come or your journey to date.) Coaching Tip:watch the time so everyone can share! |
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| 4. Why is it that Christians still sin? What are we supposed to do about that? (Read Romans 7:21-25) Hint: I've been born again, but I still live in a fleshly body!  |
| a. How Does God deal with the sin of a Christian? (1 John 1:8-9)  |
| 5. Are there any issues or questions you have about the message that you'd like to get an answer to? Write it down and discuss or send it to Pastor Ben   |
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