

Objective: God of Second Chances (in my failures and mistakes)

As a result of this truth, I want to give space for others, be patient, graceful.

Welcome

Menghitung Mundur

Langkah – langkah dalam Ice Breaker Games ini :

Minta peserta untuk berdiri membentuk suatu lingkaran. Setiap peserta menghitung secara bergiliran mulai dari 1 sampai 50 (atau sejumlah peserta)

Pada saat menghitung, minta peserta memenuhi peraturan : setiap angka ‘tujuh’ atau ‘kelipatan tujuh’, angka itu tidak disebutkan, melainkan diganti dengan tepuk tangan.

Apabila ada peserta yang salah melaksanakan tugasnya, maka permainan dimulai dari awal.

Sesudah 3 – 4 ronde, permainan tahap 1 selesai

Permainan tahap – 2 dimulai dengan cara yang sama seperti di atas, tetapi hitungannya dimulai dari angka 50 mundur terus sampai dengan angka 1. Peraturan yang diterapkan juga sama, yaitu setiap angka ‘tujuh’ atau angka ‘kelipatan tujuh’ , angka itu tidak disebutkan, melainkan diganti dengan tepuk tangan.

Setelah 3-4 ronde, permainan selesai.

Worship

Choose 1-2 songs that people can easily memorize them. Take time to worship until people really synced in with what they are singing. Encourage people to pray to God and one another.

Word

Scriptures: Jonah 3

One of the great lessons of Jonah's failure and forgiveness is that God can continue to use those who return to Him. Thankfully, we serve the God of a second chance. Just like Jonah, many spiritual leaders received a second chance to do what God called him to do. Adam sinned in the garden and God covered him. Moses murdered a man and God called him. Elijah quit and complained then God re-commissioned him. Peter denied the Lord and then God used him at Pentecost.

And that has been the story of the church through the ages. We have all received a multitude of opportunities to return and serve God.

I. A sovereign work of God to forgive and change – 3:1

Jonah went to preach with unquestioned obedience. But we must ask, "Why them? Why then?" The People of Nineveh were not praying for revival, nor were they interested. To a degree, Jonah has a point. The Assyrians qualified better as candidates for God's sovereign judgment than as candidates for God's sovereign grace.

But Jonah's successful preaching campaign had nothing to do with Jonah's ability or the Assyrian's worthiness. All we say for sure is that God had a purpose beyond human understanding.

II. A scriptural work of God to correct error - 3:1-2

God told Jonah go and "preach the message that I tell you." While spiritual renewal may occur without a preacher or prophet, it never occurs with divine truth. And here Jonah declared the Word of God.

A. We must speak the truth in love [see Ephesians 4:15]

B. We offer the truth to all people

C. We obey the truth whole-heartedly

III. A saving work of God on an undeserving people – 3:10

When God's people experience revival [i.e. Jonah], lost people that completely ignore God came to Him in repentance. To say it differently, God must do something to us before He does anything through us.

Notice two key terms here: "saving" and "undeserving." "God relented" or spared the Assyrians from destruction. Of course, this pictures God's grace because the people did not deserve His mercy. We should be careful to remember that no one deserves mercy. But, He gave mercy to us anyways because He loves us more.

Warmth

1. Kesaksian mengenai second chance seperti apakah yang pernah anda alami dari Tuhan di dalam kehidupan anda?
2. Apa yang anda rasakan mengenai Tuhan dan diri anda setelah anda menerima kesempatan kedua tersebut?
3. Menurut anda, respons yang bagaimanakah yang anda anggap tepat dalam menanggapi kesempatan kedua yang telah anda terima?
4. Bagaimanakah perihal mengenai kesempatan kedua ini dapat anda aplikasikan kepada orang-orang di sekitar anda (pasangan, keluarga, rekan kerja, pimpinan/bawahan, teman, dll)?

Work

The key to be graceful, to be patient, and to love others does not rest in our ability to be self disciplined or to keep reminding ourselves that loving is the right thing to do. The key to love other people is by

continually resting in God's love, in His forgiveness. By keep experiencing His mercy in our lives, we will be automatically merciful to other people.

Therefore, always spend your days to read the Word of God, to seek His truth about His love towards us. To meditate and experience His favor and mercy in our lives. Hence, the fruits (forgiveness, patient, mercy, generous, and many more) will be effortless multiplied in our lives.

A good recommendation of daily devotional reading is in youversion apps: Joseph Prince – Growing in grace. A 5-days devotional to help building your understanding of His grace for you.