Grace Group Discussion Guide

Johny Ardavanis "How to Die in Your Sins" John 8:21–30

Synopsis:

Six hallmarks of a hardened Heart

- 1. Mock the Truth
- 2. Love this World
- 3. Don't Believe in Jesus
- 4. Be Prideful
- 5. Cling to Spiritual Ancestry rather than Spiritual Transformation
- 6. Do Not Love Jesus

Questions:

- 1. Read Hebrews 9:27 and Ecclesiastes 7:4, What is the sobering reality about how everyone's life ends, How does considering the end make one wise?
- 2. What does a life look like that mocks the truth of the bible? Why is mocking the truth ironic?
- 3. Read Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17, James 4:4, John 17:14-16. Jesus says for we are not to be taken from the world but to make sure we are not of the world, what does this mean? How can you be of heaven instead?
- 4. What things are in your life that make sin look normal and righteousness weird?
- 5. Ultimately what are the reasons for people to continue in unbelief? Read John 5:39-40, John 9:30–34, Matthew 7:13-14.
- 6. Read Romans 3:20, How is pride a hallmark of a hardened heart?
- 7. Read Mark 15:39, How does a roman soldier believing in Christ reveal the pride of the Jews in Jesus day?
- 8. What are the blessings and dangers of generational faith in Christ?
- 9. Read John 8:51, 1 Peter 2:1-3, John 14:15. How does one know that they have a love for God?
- 10. Gospel opportunities do not last forever. What urgencies should this give us?

Prayer Suggestion:

Message from Michael and Jordan Seehusen, Fiji

Family/Ministry Update:

By the grace of God, the ministry in Fiji and the South Pacific is growing! We have been equipping pastors across the outer islands of Fiji and the surrounding island nations by providing pastoral training and biblical resources. The Lord is continuing to open doors and we are currently working to serve those among these island groups including the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and Papua New Guinea. There have been many pastors and churches that have been eager to receive pastoral training and biblical resources. We are also thankful to be in the early stages of establishing a local church in Nadi, Fiji. Nadi is a central hub for the South Pacific, yet there has not been a strong biblical church in the area. Our family is doing well and we are

thankful to have moved into our new house! We are still finishing construction, but it is a blessing to have a place we hope to call home for years to come!

Prayer Requests and Praises:

We are praising the Lord that He is continuing to provide strong relationships and opportunities for ministry in the outer islands! We are praying for wisdom to make the most out of what He has placed before us.

Please pray as the Lord continues to build His church in Nadi and in local churches across the South Pacific!

Finally, please continue to pray for friendship for our children Taj, Tori, and Kai. We may have other missionaries join us in the future, but we are praying for specific encouragement regarding this on behalf of our children.

We thank the Lord for you all!