**Life Group Discussion Questions**

**Sermon Series:** If My People…

**Sermon Title:** How Do We Apply God’s Forgiveness and Healing?

**Sermon Date:** 3-14-21

**Gospel Gain:** Trust the type and timing of God’s work.

**Gathering Together** (Icebreaker)

* What are the potential challenges connected to accepting someone’s apology?
* Do you think God heals today and if so, in what ways?

**Growing Together** (Truth/Equipping)

* This is a series based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. We will spend 5 weeks looking at the key phrases in this verse that God shared with Solomon after building the temple. We will seek to answer four questions – 1) How do we humble ourselves before God? 2) How do we pray and seek God’s face? 3) How do we turn from our wicked ways? 4) How do we apply God’s forgiveness and healing?

***2 Chronicles 7:14 - if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***

* What does God say about forgiveness and healing in this verse?

**Accept God’s forgiveness which leads to peace.**

* How can God’s forgiveness be transformational in our life?
* Read **1 John 1:9.**
* What does this verse teach us about confession and forgiveness?
* What can make it so challenging to forgive ourselves?
* How does the lack of self-forgiveness impact what Christ has done for us?
* How can you respond to someone who feels they are unworthy to be forgiven by God?
* What has helped you in the process of forgiving yourself?
* Read **Romans 5:1.**
* How can peace with God and peace from God be helpful to our daily life?
* Why is it important to accept that God can forgive others, even those who have hurt us deeply?

**Anticipate God’s healing which leads to hope.**

* God desired to restore the purposes He had for the people of Israel. Why would that be significant?
* What kind of healing can God do in a person’s life today?
* How does sin impact the purposes that God has for our life?
* Share examples from scripture that remind us of God’s ability to heal.
* How does God’s healing in our life and His desire to make us whole, bring hope into our life?

**Getting Real with One Another** (Accessibility)

* Which of these promises (accepting forgiveness and anticipating healing) do you need more of God’s help to apply in your life and why?

**Group Prayer Time** (Supplication)

* Share prayer requests with one another and take time to pray together.
* Pray that the people of Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.