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Further Reflection for 7/7

- 1. Read John 8:12-59. What jumps out to you from the text?
- 2. Jesus and the listeners are not having a calm discussion, these men are attacking Jesus with questions and insults. How can his resilience inspire you when you face opposition?
- 3. What does Jesus' statement "the truth will set you free" mean to you? Have you allowed the truth to truly set you free or do you still feel like you are a slave to sin?
- 4. Jesus tells them that they are children of the devil because they do not behave like Abraham or God. In what areas of your life are you behaving differently than what God wants? Spend time in prayer asking God to show you the areas and then ask God to help you change in these areas, trusting that the Holy Spirit can help us.
- 5. In what ways is the Pharisees' hypocrisy challenged by Jesus in this passage? What ways can you see Jesus challenging some of the hypocrisy that is demonstrated by some Christians today? In what ways does hypocrisy damage the image of the Church?
- 6. What is one tangible next step or application that you can start with today? Is it finding a mentor to hold you accountable? Is it choosing to walk away from a specific sin? Is it spending more time with God in prayer, reading Scripture, and meditation to strengthen your relationship with Him? Write it down somewhere where you will see it every day and commit to it.

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Upcoming Events!

<u>July 20: Youth Group Beach Trip</u> will be from 12-5:30PM at Grand Haven for the beach, ice cream, and to hangout! Students should pack enough money to eat dinner on the way back. You can sign-up in the Welcome Center or our website, or you can talk to Pastor Matt for more details!

<u>July 23: Ice Cream Social</u> will be at Norm's in Fruitport from 6-7PM. We hope to see you there!

<u>August 12: Amplio</u> - This is a conversation on living an intentional life of faith. This will be at 6:30PM in classroom 101 off the Gym. Sign up in the Welcome Center or by emailing Pastor Aaron at aaron@connectionpointmi.com.

<u>August 13: Ice Cream Social</u> will be at Norm's in Fruitport from 6-7PM. We hope to see you there!

<u>August 20: Whitecaps Game</u> - It's bulletin night at the Whitecaps game! If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Matt or sign up in the Welcome Center. Tickets will be \$8-\$10 each. This is a 6:35PM game time.

<u>Goodie Bags for Shut-Ins</u> -The Finish Well senior adults ministry will be collecting items for these bags, such as lip balm, small notepads or puzzle books, pens, travel lotions, snacks, etc. These items can be left in the classroom off the gym. The bags will be assembled and delivered on July 25 at 10AM.

<u>Garden Help!</u> - The garden is looking for volunteers! Days and times vary. Please sign up in the Welcome Center if you are interested in being contacted as needed.

<u>Food Pantry</u> donations are being accepted on Sundays or during office hours.

Things You Should Know!

<u>Connect Cards</u> can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you! Please fill it out, take it to the Welcome Center in the Foyer and grab a gift! We want guests to feel welcome and we hope to see you again!

<u>Prayer Requests</u> can be submitted via the website under the Ministries tab. These prayer requests go directly to Pastor Aaron and are confidential.

The Bridge the Gap Fund sign is across from the Café. If you are interested in giving above your tithes/ offerings, you may do so by putting donations in the box at the back of the sanctuary or by giving online. Please email the church office for more information.

<u>Church Directory App</u> is available now! If you need help accessing it, please contact the church office and we can work on getting you set up!

Weekly Gatherings:

Sunday Service: 9AM & 10:30AM Kids Service: Sundays during both Services Youth Group: Sundays from 6-7:30PM