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Sunday 6:30 p.m.**

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**Bronson "B" Group
Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Evert and Linda Smith
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Contact: Jim Wickey
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Matt and Kendra Siefken
776 Union City Road, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

**East Gilead Day Group
Thursday 1:00 p.m.**

Host: Sara Jane Fair
1005 S. Snow Prairie Rd., Bronson
Contact: Mary Ellen Turner
(269-274-4757

**Bronson "A" Group
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Solano and Jennie deAraujo
974 Dewsberry Road, Bronson
Contact: Frank Cabrera
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Contact: Brandon Carpenter
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Week of Oct. 9, 2017

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- I. There is no better place to start then to look at the nature and character of God. God is full of grace and mercy, and He gives people freedom to fail. He is not controlling or manipulative. Read [Luke:15:11-16](#). How have you seen God work in this way, not policing events and decisions of people? Read [Hebrews 4:15-16](#). How did Jesus suffering allow us to know He understands wrong doing, cruelty of man upon man. Give some examples of Jesus showing compassion. Was He ever non-caring? When the storms hit Texas and Florida, does that sound like Jesus getting angry? How do you reconcile [Genesis 19](#), when God destroys Sodom and Gomorrah, with God’s character? The answers are there, dig a little deeper. Read [2 Peter 2:4-10](#), [John 3:16-18](#). Some might see the OT God as mean and cruel. Remember Jesus is the image of the invisible God. It was “God [the Father]who so loved the world.”
- II. Let’s look at the lie that God is condemning and unforgiving. The world may throw this your way but it is also just as common for Christians to taste that lie. Sometimes as Christians we are unwilling to forgive ourselves or others and conclude “God doesn’t forgive me.” Read [Psalm 130:1-4](#). God never allows us to remain in sin. He loves us too much. He knows we cannot climb out of it on our own. Read [Luke 15:17-24](#). God did not come to make bad people good but dead people alive.
- III. The final lie about God and His Character is this: God is nit-picking, a demanding perfectionist. Read [Romans 8:28-29](#). God is involved in our lives because He loves us. It might not feel all that good at times, but God works all things together for good. If He didn’t care He would allow us to do our own thing. Look at the account of Jacob and Esau. “Jacob I loved,” therefore God went after him. “Esau I hated.” God allowed Esau to go his own way, the way of the flesh. God is committed to our growth and proud of us as His beloved children. Read [Hebrews 12:5-11](#) and [2 Corinthians 7:4](#).

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