

# STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



**Note to the Host:** *Thanks for leading your group, creating community, and caring for your people! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic. People come first!*

## ICEBREAKER:

Let's imagine you are receiving an award for being "You". What would the host say are some of the reasons you deserve this reward?

## TALK IT OVER:

*These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. Feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows; don't feel pressed to get through them all!*

1. What are reputations built on?
2. Read Proverbs 22:1. Why do we want a good reputation? According to this verse a good reputation is better than gold and silver. How is a good reputation valuable to you and others?
3. Jesus was loved by some and hated by the religious leaders. We don't always have control of our reputation. What are some examples of when we don't control our reputation and what can be the results?
4. In Mark's sermon he states three ways to have a good reputation. The first way is to do little things well. Read Luke 16:10-12 and Matthew 25:14-30. What are some little

things for which you are responsible? Which little things do you do well and not so well? Why? How does this impact your reputation?

5. The second way is to keep your word. Read Proverbs 10:9 and discuss what this verse means. Do you believe it is true that “crooked paths will be found out”? Why or why not?
6. The third way is to take responsibility. Adam was given the responsibility to take care of the garden of Eden. Moses was given the responsibility to lead the people of Israel to the promised land. What are you currently responsible for? Both Adam and Moses did take responsibility, but they didn’t always follow God’s word. What are some areas of responsibility you are currently following God’s word?
7. Using a scale of one (low) to five (high), how would you rate your current reputation? What areas are you doing well in?
8. What areas in you life need more attention to doing little things well, keeping your word or taking responsibility? How can the group pray for you this week?

## PRAYER:

*Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences. Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group!*

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share!
- Encourage all praise reports! Celebrate what God has done!
- Have someone record and distribute the requests to your group, to pray over throughout the week.

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