



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Pray Like Jesus

Sermon Title: Part 6 – The Path of Forgiveness

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Gospel Gain: Avoiding the path of forgiveness is harmful to your spiritual health.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What makes extending forgiveness to someone so challenging?

What about receiving forgiveness from someone is so challenging?

Do you have a story to share about the topic of forgiveness?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this series we desire to take a fresh look at a familiar prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples. The Lord's Prayer has much to teach us. Each week we will take a phrase of the prayer and seek to apply it to our daily life. Today's message is about forgiving one another.

***Matthew 6:9-13 - Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread, ¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.***

What comes to mind when you see the phrase – ***forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors?***

What opportunities are available in our relationships when we extend or receive forgiveness?

A new attitude from God can help you address the past.

How do you think God can give us a new attitude about our past hurts?

What happens when we refuse to deal with forgiveness from our past?

Read: Psalm 103:1-12

What do you see in this passage about God's attitude toward us and our need for forgiveness?

How could we develop a new attitude based on these verses?

Discuss this statement – ***It can be difficult to forget past hurts, but it will be impossible to forget if we won't forgive.***

A new perspective from God can help you persevere in the present.

How can God help us view people who have hurt us as God sees them?

Read: *Romans 5:6-8*

What do we learn about God's forgiveness from this passage?

How can God's perspective help us persevere in the present with those who have hurt us?

Read: *1 John 4:9-11*

What does love and the example of Jesus have to do with forgiveness in our relationships?

A new perspective helps us seek restoration with the person who hurt us rather than the destruction of that person. How does this process honor God?

A new resolve from God can help you reach for the future.

How could we learn from the past and present to better deal with forgiveness in the future?

Read: *Romans 12:17-21*

What does this passage teach us about forgiveness?

How could these principles help us in our relationships that are broken?

Read: *Colossians 3:12-13*

Forgiveness is a part of all relationships. What does this passage teach us about forgiveness?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

Which of these areas is a current challenge for you in the area of forgiveness...a new attitude, a new perspective or a new resolve?

How can this group pray for you on this topic of forgiveness?

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Share some prayer requests and then pray for one another.

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.