



Life Group Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: Stand Alone Message

Sermon Title: Forgiveness is Critical

Sermon Date: 2-24-19

Gospel Gain: Our level of gratitude towards God's forgiveness will guide our level of grace towards others.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What percentage of relationships outside the church do you think practice forgiveness and why do you pick that number?

What percentage of relationships inside the church do you think practice forgiveness and why do you pick that number?

What impact does the lack of forgiveness have on relationships today?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

In this study we look at the passage of scripture that follows the Lord's Prayer. In this passage, Jesus reinforces the importance of forgiveness in our relationships, both with God and others.

Whenever you see scripture repeat a theme in a short section, you need to pay even more attention to what we are to learn. In this case, forgiveness is highlighted.

Read: Matthew 6:14-15

What are your first impressions of this passage?

What does this passage tell us about God and forgiveness?

How confident do you think most people are of God's forgiveness for their sins?

How grateful do you think most people are for this forgiveness from God?

What makes it so challenging to forgive others like God has forgiven us?

What is your primary application point after reading this passage of scripture?

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

What principle is Jesus trying to communicate when he says Peter is to forgive seventy-seven times?

Look at verses 23-26. What do we know about the first servant with whom the king wanted to settle accounts? What did he owe the king? What were the pending consequences if the debt was not paid? How did the servant feel about his debt towards the king?

What does verse 27 say about the king and forgiveness?

Look at verses 28-30. How does the treatment of the first servant towards the second servant reveal the first servant's genuine feelings about forgiveness? How does he treat this second servant?

Look at verses 31-35. What takes place now as a result of the servant's lack of forgiveness?

What lessons would be important to learn from this story?

Pastor Jon talked about a few principles of forgiveness. Discuss what you think these principles mean and why they are important in our relationships. How do these principles relate to the forgiveness that God shows towards us?

- Forgiveness is a pass-along process.
- The offended releases the offender without making the offender suffer like the offended.
- Our response to God's forgiveness is critical to our spiritual health and growth. There is a danger of becoming a selfish sponge while there is also an opportunity to become a mirror of mercy.

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

How can this group pray for you on this topic of receiving God's forgiveness and passing that same forgiveness on to others?

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.