



The Forgiven Forgive

Sunday, April 19, 2020



TALK
ABOUT IT

- Share a time when you experienced forgiveness from someone else.



PRAYER

As we launch into a series reflecting on what Jesus said and did, it's a wonderful time to start by praying the Lord's prayer. Whether you are with family, on a video call, or watching alone, start your time in prayer. Pray these words from Matthew 6:9-13 out loud, and then pray in your own words:

Pray then like this:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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SERMON + WORSHIP

Watch this week's Sermon and Worship Set
(reminder, it's easiest to watch it from the YouTube playlist)



TALK ABOUT IT

- **Reread Matthew 6:14-15. Pastor Jeff explained that forgiveness is evidence that the rule and reign of Jesus has broken into our lives. Do you agree? How did becoming a Christian change the way you forgive others?**
- **Often, it is easier to hold a grudge than to forgive. How has God helped you overcome grudges you have held in the past to forgive someone?**
- **God takes the initiative to forgive us, even though we were the ones who wronged Him. Why is that important? And why is it hard for us to take the initiative to forgive when we are wronged?**



PRACTICE POINTS

- **God has forgiven each of us. Spend time reflecting either alone/as a group on how God's forgiveness impacted your life.**
 - ➔ **Spend a few minutes each day this week meditating on God's forgiveness of your sins.**
- **As Pastor Jeff said, forgiven people forgive. Find someone in your life to ask for forgiveness from or someone who you need to forgive. Talk about how to do that if you are with your family.**

Want additional content to dive into during the week? Try this:

These prompts can be used one-per-day or for an extended time on your own, with your spouse or family members, or with your small group:



- **Pastor Jeff mentioned the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, which can be found in Matthew 18:23-35. Read the passage and do/answer the following:**
 - ✓ What jumps out to you about this parable? Study the passage- Make observations about what is happening, make notes of questions you may have and look up the answers.
 - ✓ Look up the difference between a talent and a denarii. How does this help you understand the parable better?
 - ✓ What is Jesus's main point in telling this parable?
- **Sometimes, people don't ask to be forgiven. How does the Spirit help us in those situations?**
 - ✓ Look to the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5, particularly patience. Christopher Wright explains that patience this way, "Patience is the ability to endure for a long time whatever opposition and suffering may come our way and to show perseverance without wanting retaliation or revenge."
 - ✓ How does the patience God has shown us change the way we are patient with others and endure their wrongs?
 - ✓ 1 John 1:9 is a reminder of God's forgiveness. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - ✓ What is the basis for God's forgiveness of our sins?
 - ✓ How can you create a plan to forgive others when they have wronged you?