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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

January 21, 2024 | Caleb Smith - "Forgiveness"



GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER _____

- 1) What is the most interesting thing that happened to you this last week?
- 2) What is something you're really good at fixing?



MESSAGE REFLECTION _____

- 1) Share something from the service/message that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Read **Matthew 18:21-35** together. Does anything in particular jump out at you from this parable?
- 3) Peter suggested to Jesus a number over twice as much as the Pharisees taught to forgive (vs 21). Why do you think people are tempted to try to impress God with their goodness?
- 4) Which wrong way of thinking about forgiveness have you been guilty of? (forgiveness as....a feeling, forgetting, excusing) How has it been detrimental to finding true forgiveness?
- 5) How can forgiveness + boundaries be a good thing? How can it be a bad thing?
- 6) Which of these are you most tempted to do: dwell on the incident, bring up the incident to hurt the person, gossiped about the incident?
- 7) How have you experienced freedom from forgiving someone?



GOING DEEPER _____

READ – Ephesians 4:25-32 together

- 1) What jumps out at you from this passage that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) How does speaking truthfully help in the forgiveness process? Can speaking truthfully ever hurt the forgiveness process?
- 3) How can anger be a good thing? How can it be sinful?
- 4) How could letting the sun go down on your anger give the devil a foothold?
- 5) How does unwholesome talk hurt relationships?
- 6) How does kindness and compassion toward others help us to forgive?



LIVING IT OUT _____

- 1) Spend time meditating on Ephesians 1:7. Thank God for forgiveness of your sins.
- 2) If there is someone you have sinned against or that you need to ask for forgiveness from, rely on the Holy Spirit's power to do so this week.



LIFT EACH OTHER UP _____

Take some time to pray for each other in your life group
