



## Outrageous: Forgiveness

LUKE 17:1-5 | JANUARY 23 & 24, 2016

Last week we paused in order to recognize Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend and to consider the DREAM we have for the flourishing of the church. This week we turn to one of the most challenging and important topics in all of scripture - forgiveness.

### WITH THE GROUP



#### LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

What example from literature, movies, the internet, news or your own life represents a strong example of forgiveness?



#### LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

Some have described unforgiveness as drinking poison and hoping the other person would die. What does this mean and what do you think of this idea?

What exactly does it mean to forgive?



#### LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What aspect of the sermon did you find most challenging, insightful or inspiring?

To what extent do you feel forgiven by God? Does it prompt deep gratitude in you? Does it incline you to forgive others? How important do you think it is to sense God's forgiveness?



#### LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

Is there anybody in your life that comes to mind when you think of the need to offer forgiveness? Is there anybody in your life that you might approach to ask forgiveness? What holds you back?

Romans 5:8 describes an incredible "forgiveness initiative." How does this truth impact your daily life? How could it serve as a perfect example for our own challenging situations?

#### DIGGING DEEPER

Consider the story from Matthew 18:21-35. Is forgiveness a choice or a command? How does forgiveness impact our relationship with God? What is meant by "seventy-seven times?"

#### GRADUATE LEVEL

Is it possible to forgive and forget? Are there any situations, sins or conditions that are not worthy of extended forgiveness? What happens to anger, hurt and trust after forgiveness?