



“Experiencing Forgiveness”

Opening Discussion:

“He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.”
- George Herbert

1. Discuss this quote, what stands out to you most?
2. Do you see the gospel in this quote? How?

Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35: Why do you think Peter wanted a rule to live by?
2. Why are we to forgive others? (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13) Why are we often resistant to forgiving others?
3. At what cost did God forgive us? Was it personal?
4. How does God treat an unforgiving spirit?
5. What are the differences between *receiving* forgiveness, *experiencing* forgiveness, and *sharing* forgiveness? Are these three related?
6. In what ways do we suffer for having an unforgiving spirit? How does the local church suffer?

Prayer Time:

1. Take time to ask God to soften your heart to the Gospel.
2. Pray that we might believe the text.
3. Pray that we might be people who forgive.