

Opening Question

What's something that you've said or done that you wish you could take back? Be as frivolous or as serious as you would like?

Big Idea

We've been forgiven, so we must forgive.

Read Together

Matthew 18:21-35

Discussion Questions

Forgiveness is the intentional and voluntary process by which a victim undergoes a change in feelings and attitude regarding an offense, lets go of negative emotions such as vengefulness, with an increased ability to wish the offender well.

1. Using that definition of forgiveness, what resonates with you, and what scares you about the definition?
2. Everyone knows they need to forgive people who hurt them, but why do you think people find it so difficult?
3. Why is forgiveness so hard? Why does the forgiveness Jesus requires seem even more unfair?
4. How do you understand how much you have been forgiven in your brokenness and sinfulness towards God?
5. How is forgiveness different than reconciliation? How does this change things when you start to think about forgiving people who have hurt you in the past?
6. Is there a time recently where you sought forgiveness from someone else?
7. How does your unforgiveness cage you up, and hurt you more than the person you don't forgive?
8. Geoff explained forgiveness as a process – how do you understand that to work? How have you seen this process work in your own life?

Prayer

Let's take some time on our own to seek God's face for these two questions:

- a. What do you need to seek God's forgiveness for?
- b. What do you need to seek someone else's forgiveness for?

Challenge

Who do you need to go and talk to this week? Discuss this. You don't have to go into specifics, but you could hold each other accountable to have a conversation with that person and report back next week how it went.

