

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE?

Questions

SEEKING ANSWERS FROM THE SAVIOR



WHO AM I | ARE YOU THE ONE | DO YOU WASH MY FEET | WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR | WHO SINNED AGAINST ME | AM I
SHOULD I FORGIVE | WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR | WHO SINNED AGAINST ME | AM I
DO YOU WASH MY FEET | WHAT IS TRUTH | HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE

REFLECT/CONNECT

- In what ways were you encouraged by last week's study?
- How would you define or describe forgiveness?

PREPARE YOUR HEART & MIND

- Begin this time in prayer, confessing any sins you can recall, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word, and asking for His Spirit to guide you in your time.

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REFLECT/CONNECT

- Use these questions for a time of individual reflection or to connect with others in meaningful conversation.

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GROW IN THE WORD

- These questions are designed as a guide for individual study and to foster spiritual conversation with a group of people.



GROW IN THE WORD

01. While Jesus taught his disciples how to treat sin in one another, Peter raised a question about the limits of forgiveness. Peter suggested a generous number that would cap the number of times he'd be required to forgive a brother, but Jesus corrected him and taught that forgiveness was to be offered in much greater quantities (v. 21-22).

- What was Jesus trying to teach Peter by offering a much larger number than the one Peter offered as a limit to forgiveness? See 1 Corinthians 13:5; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Ephesians 4:32.
- What's your reaction to Jesus' teaching about the limits of forgiveness?
- In what ways does Jesus' answer to Peter challenge your own views about forgiving those who've hurt or offended you?

02. Jesus illustrated his teaching on forgiveness with a parable that described a king who, out of mercy, forgave a servant an immense debt. In turn, the forgiven servant demanded payment for a much smaller debt owed to him. When the debt could not be paid, the forgiven servant exacted punishment on his debtor. After the king found out, the forgiven servant suffered punishment himself (v. 23-35).

- How would you have expected the forgiven servant to treat his debtor?

GROW IN THE WORD

- What are some common challenges that keep you from extending forgiveness to others, and how can you overcome them?
- How can you cultivate a heart of forgiveness that reflects the grace and mercy God has given his people? See Proverbs 4:23; Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 10:5b.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ON MISSION: JUNE 24

Children's Hunger Fund | 9 am

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



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Forgiving Others

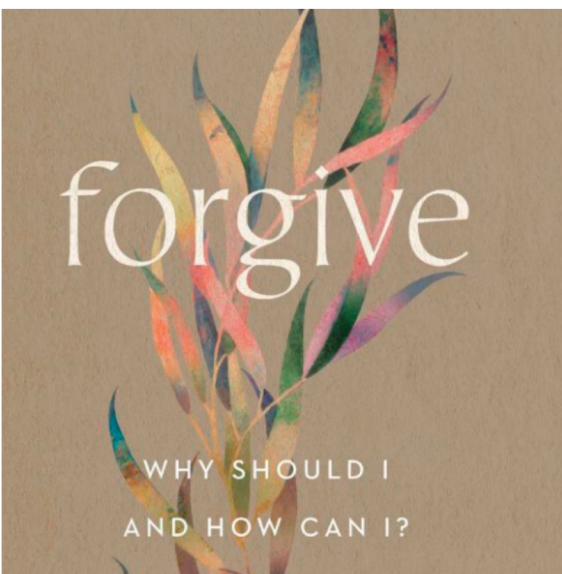
Resources Available on the Gospel Coalition Website

Find curated blog posts on the topic of forgiveness from how to forgive to what do to when someone is unrepentant.

Ep 55: The Power of Forgiveness (And Why It's So Hard) Cultivate Podcast | Kelly Minter

Unforgiveness causes division in our relationships, is a strategy of the enemy, and disrupts our intimacy with Christ. On the positive side, Jesus empowers us to forgive, desires that we're free from bitterness and anger, and loves reconciliation.

If forgiveness is essential, why is it so hard? In this episode, we'll examine three reasons that make it challenging, as well as several benefits. Ultimately we'll discover that forgiving others isn't only a gift to the person who hurt us, but it's one of God's gifts to us.



Forgive: Why Should I & How Can I?

By Timothy Keller

It is nearly impossible to move past transgression without forgiveness, but few people have the resources and the tools to forgive others fully and move on with their lives. Forgiveness is an essential skill, a moral imperative, and a religious belief that cuts right to the core of what it means to be human. In *Forgive*, Timothy Keller shows readers why it is so important and how to do it, explaining in detail the steps you need to take in order to move on without sacrificing justice or your humanity.