

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

QUESTIONS

1. What idea, illustration, application, or Scripture most spoke to you in this week's message?
2. Read Matthew 5:23-24. Why does Jesus tell us to reconcile our relationships before offering gifts to Him?
3. Jesus reminds us that it's important to ask for forgiveness from others. What often stops you from asking others for forgiveness?
4. Pastor Ron talks about the shifts in Christians when we go from hurt people to healed people. Hurt-ers of people to heal-ers of people. What are some additional verses in the Bible that talk about God healing relationships through forgiveness?
5. Romans 12:18 tells us, "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." What does it require of us to live this way?
6. How is asking for forgiveness different than just saying, "I'm sorry?" How does the presence of Jesus make it different?
7. Pastor Ron shared 5 keys to asking for forgiveness (see takeaways). Which ones are easier for you and which ones are more difficult? How can you work on these in the upcoming week?
8. Read out loud Psalm 51. How does David ask God for forgiveness from his sin? What can we learn from this passage on forgiveness?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Matthew 5:23-24, Romans 12:18, Psalm 51

TAKEAWAYS

- Relationship comes before religious activity.
- We need forgiveness.
- We need to forgive others.
- We need to seek forgiveness from others.

Keys to Asking for Forgiveness:

1. Embrace humility.
2. Remember forgiveness takes one, but reconciliation takes two.
3. Acknowledge the wrong-doing, the specific act that caused the hurt.
4. Acknowledge the real pain caused to the person.
5. Don't just say "sorry"; instead, ask "will you forgive me?"

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Keeping Romans 12:18 in mind, write down a list of those who you aren't living at peace with right now in your life and pray over the names. Pick one name and make a plan to ask for forgiveness.