
How The Gospel Inspires Forgiveness

Colossians 3:12-14

Week of May 7, 2017

engage it

1. **Share a story about a time when you held a grudge that now seems silly. Why did you feel like your grudge was appropriate at the time?**

2. **Brainstorm a list of some of the reasons why it is so hard to forgive people. Which of the things on the list seem like excuses to avoid practicing forgiveness?**

unpack it

3. **Read Colossians 3:12-14. What attributes and attitudes does Paul say should characterize a follower of Christ? Describe which of the attributes and commands comes easiest to you and which one is the hardest.**

9. Why is it so important that we keep on forgiving and what happens when we do not forgive? Is it easier or more difficult to forgive your spouse, child, or a relative than other people? Why or why not?

10. What does society in general say is forgiveness? How do you demonstrate that you have forgiven someone and how do you know when God has forgiven you?

live it

11. When is the last time you felt overwhelmed by the mercy God showed in forgiving you? How can you make that a more frequent part of your life?

12. Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive right now? What is keeping you from granting forgiveness?