



“Some People Should Never be Forgiven” September 14-15, 2019

“The very words I speak to you are spirit and life.” -Jesus, John 6:63

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?”

“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.” Matthew 18:21-22

Why is unforgiveness so damaging?

I get locked in the past.

It gives me false security.

I become bitter.

“Forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.” -Jesus, Matthew 18:35

How?

Admit I’ve failed.

We all make many mistakes. James 3:2

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 1 John 1:8

I remember (again) Jesus’ forgiveness.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

How did God in Christ forgive you?

He absorbed the pain of your sin.

He took the consequences upon himself.

He gave up the right to hurt back.

Forgiveness is NOT minimizing what they did.

Forgiveness is not ‘instant trust’.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” -Jesus, Matthew 16:24

I forgive before its resolved

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

I will expect God to do something in the midst of this.

Now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. Colossians 3:8

I need your grace right now. Grace to forgive and grace to be forgiven through Jesus Christ’s death on the cross. Let me start over, beginning today, to live totally different.

Talk It Over: For my LifeGroup and accountability partner...

Talk about how and why unforgiveness is so damaging.

Read Jesus’ words in Matthew 18:21-35. What details and principles do you see here?

*How would you feel if you were the “Master”?
A fellow servant?*

How does Matthew 6:12, 14-15 relate to this?

Talk about a forgiveness issue you worked through or are working through. Do you need support or accountability for it?