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Discussion Guide

Week 5



Bottom Line

Experiencing forgiveness from God allows us to forgive others.

Scripture

Matthew 6:11-15, Matthew 18:21-35

Icebreaker

You Write The Question: Give each person an index card. Pick a topic and ask them to write down questions about that topic that anyone in the group could answer. For example, if you choose "friendship" as a topic, they could write down questions like "What do you value most in a friend?" or "Who was your best friend growing up and why?"

Pile all the cards face down in the middle of the group and let people draw one. Some topic ideas include jobs, life goals, funny stories, hobbies, family, fears, dating issues, significant relationships and relationships with God. Go around the room until everyone has had a chance to draw and answer a question.

If there are similar questions written on more than one of the 3x5 cards, have the group come up with a new question on the spot for the person drawing the second one (or third, etc.). This will keep people engaged in the game and give everyone something to do.





WATCH THE DISCUSSION VIDEO

link: clifec.com/WYP-video-5

Exploration

You probably won't get through all the questions, and that's OK! These are here to help you. See this as a guide, rather than a to-do list.

- *Was there anything that stood out to you from the pastor's teaching or the group discussion?*

Ask someone to read Matthew 18:21-35 to the group.

- *Which character in this parable does Jesus want his listeners to identify with most? Who do you identify with most? Explain.*
- *When you think about the debt you owe God, do you think first about sins of omission (good you've left undone) or sins of commission (sins you've done)? How does this impact the way you view your debt to God? How does it shape your requests for forgiveness?*
- *Do you focus more on your sins or God's grace when you ask Him for forgiveness? How will focusing on the "Running Father" (Luke 15:20) impact the way you pray this prayer?*

Application

- *Who are you demanding repayment from because of the ways they have wronged you? How are you doing this? What fears do you have about forgiving this person? Why is it so hard to forgive them?*
- *In what ways is forgiveness of another a gift we give to ourselves? Explain how this act is even possible.*

End with prayer time.

