

## WEEK 5 | LIVING THE WAY

Date: May 26, 2024

Verses: Ephesians 4:32. Colossians 3:13. Matthew 6:14-15



### SERIES INSIGHT

We are a community, a family, and a people who love and serve Jesus by loving and serving one another. Throughout Scripture, we find many passages that tell believers what we should do for one another including over 50 “*one another*” commands found in the New Testament. In ***Living the Way***, we will engage these commands as we seek to Learn His Words, Live His Ways, and Love like Jesus.

### ICEBREAKER

- Any fun plans for the Summer?
- Favorite memory of the Summer?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Review the Message.** Looking back at your notes and upon reflecting on this weekend’s message, what was your one takeaway from Sunday?
2. **Understanding Forgiveness:** Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive a brother or sister who sins against him, suggesting seven times. Jesus responds with "seventy-seven times" (or "seventy times seven" in some translations). What does Jesus' response teach us about the nature and extent of forgiveness?
3. **The Parable's Characters:** In the parable, the king forgives his servant a massive debt, but the same servant refuses to forgive a fellow servant a much smaller debt. Why do you think Jesus uses such a stark contrast in the debts to convey his message? What can we learn from the actions and attitudes of the unforgiving servant?
4. **Consequences of Unforgiveness:** Reflect on the consequences faced by the unforgiving servant at the end of the parable. How does this relate to our own lives and relationships when we choose not to forgive others? What do you think Jesus is teaching about the spiritual and communal repercussions of harboring unforgiveness?
5. **Personal Application:** Consider a time when you found it difficult to forgive someone. What were the barriers to forgiveness, and how did it affect you and your relationship with that person? How can the lessons from this parable help you approach forgiveness in future situations?

### PRAYER

Allow people to share requests and celebrate any praise reports as well. Consider having someone write down the requests to share with the group. Take time to pray however long your group needs.



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