

Forgiveness  
*I Believe Series*  
Discussion Questions

1. Read Romans 3:9-18. How do you respond when you read Paul's description of humanity? Do you see yourself in these verses?
2. Do you believe that sin is your real problem? How would the life of someone who believes sin is their real problem be different than someone who doesn't?
3. As a group, explain the difference between a "religious" person and someone who trusts in the gospel of Jesus.
4. Read Hebrews 12:1-2. Do you personally believe that your sins are forgiven? Do you believe Jesus takes joy in forgiving you? If not, why not?
5. What does the Bible mean when it says, "forgive"? How does Jesus' death on the cross define forgiveness?
6. How and why does truly forgiving feel like suffering and dying a death?
7. Read Matthew 6:9-15. Why does Jesus connect our willingness to forgive other people to God's forgiveness of us? Explain why forgiving is not a "work" we do to earn God's forgiveness of ourselves.
8. How is true forgiveness different than using the truth of someone's sin as a weapon against them or a means of controlling them?
9. How is forgiving people a means of experiencing the Kingdom of God here and now?
10. Who in your life needs you to forgive them? Pray Matthew 6:9-15 as a group and then pray for the Lord to give you the faith and courage to forgive.