



## Parent Guide <sup>□</sup>

This guide is meant to equip you with discussion questions and conversation starters that you can use throughout the week to continue the conversation about what you and your kids learned on Sunday.

## Sermon Summary

In case you missed it, or if you just need a refresher, here's a quick summary of what we talked about this week in the sermon:

Pastor's sermon focused on the theme of forgiveness as taught in Ephesians 4:32. The sermon highlighted three main aspects: God's forgiveness is rooted in His character, made possible through Jesus, and requires repentance and faith. Pastor emphasized that God's forgiveness stems from His kindness, compassion, and desire to restore broken relationships. Jesus' sacrifice on the cross satisfies divine justice, making forgiveness available without compromising justice. For forgiveness to be received, one must repent and turn to God in faith. Furthermore, the sermon outlined how forgiveness benefits the forgiver more than the offender, the processual nature of forgiveness, and how thoroughly God has forgiven humanity throughout biblical history.

## Conversation Starters

*These are things you can talk about with your kids to help further the conversation about what they may have learned on Sunday.*

- At bedtime
  - Question: What does it mean to forgive someone?
  - Context: Pastor explained forgiveness as a process and not holding onto bitterness.
- During a car ride
  - Question: Can you think of a time when you had to forgive someone?
  - Context: The sermon shared examples from the Bible where God forgave various offenders.
- While doing chores together
  - Question: Why is it important to forgive others as God forgives us?
  - Context: Pastor discussed that God's forgiveness is an act of His kindness and mercy.
- During meal times
  - Question: How did Jesus' death on the cross make forgiveness possible?
  - Context: The sermon mentioned that Jesus' sacrifice fulfilled the demands of divine justice.

- When someone is upset or frustrated
  - Question: How can we practice forgiveness in our daily lives?
  - Context: Pastor advised reflecting on God's forgiveness, praying for those who hurt us, and examining our own hearts.