



Week 2

Jesus Forgives

- When you hear the word *forgiveness*, what comes to mind?
- Is forgiveness something you find easy or difficult? Why?

Forgiveness = letting go of resentment and the demand for repayment; canceling a debt.

Read together:

- *Ephesians 2:1–5*
- *1 John 1:7*

Discussion:

- What stands out about our condition before Christ in Ephesians 2?
 - According to these verses, what motivated God to forgive us?
 - How does understanding your own forgiveness shape how you view others?
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The Reality of Jesus' Forgiveness

3 Stories to Reflect On

- Peter (denial)
- The Prodigal Son (rebellion)
- The sinful woman/prostitute (shame)

Discussion:

- Which story do you relate to most right now?
 - What do these stories reveal about when and how Jesus forgives?
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Truths About Jesus' Forgiveness

1. Jesus Forgives Freely

- *Ephesians 1:6–8, 2:8*

Discuss:

- Why is it hard to believe forgiveness is truly free?
 - Do you ever feel like you need to “earn” forgiveness?
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2. Jesus Forgives Quickly

- *Luke 23:34*

Discuss:

- What does Jesus forgiving people *while being crucified* teach us?
 - What keeps us from forgiving quickly?
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3. Jesus Forgives Completely

- *Psalms 103:12*

Discuss:

- Do you struggle to believe your past is fully removed?
 - How does holding onto past sins (yours or others') affect your life?
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4. Jesus Forgives Continually

- *Matthew 18:21–22*

Discuss:

- Why is repeated forgiveness so difficult?



- What is the difference between forgiveness and trust?
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The Tension: Forgiveness & Justice

- Jesus doesn't ignore justice—He **shifts it to the cross**.

Discuss:

- Why do we feel the need for people to “pay” for what they did?
 - How does trusting God with justice free you?
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Living It Out: How Do We Forgive?

1. Pray for Them

- *Matthew 5:43–44*

Discuss:

- Be honest—how does the idea of praying for someone who hurt you feel?
- Have you ever seen prayer change your heart toward someone?

Challenge:

Pray specifically for that person this week.

2. Bless Them

- *Romans 12:14*

Discuss:

- What does it look like to “speak well of” someone who hurt you?
- Where are you tempted to speak negatively?



Challenge:

Choose not to speak negatively about them this week.

3. Do Good to Them

- *Romans 12:17–21*

Discuss:

- Why is doing good to an enemy such a powerful act?
- What is one practical way you could show kindness?

Challenge:

Take one intentional action to serve or help them (if appropriate and safe).

Gospel Reminder

- *Matthew 10:8* — “Freely you have received; freely give.”

Truth to Remember:

- You will never forgive someone more than God has forgiven you.
 - The forgiven...forgive.
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