

Sermon Series: REVIVAL IS HERE

Sermon Title: "When All the Estranged People Make Up"

Scripture: Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)

REVIEW: When all the _____ (sleeping) people wake up, when all the _____ (gossips) shut up, when all the church members _____ (pray) up, when all the lukewarm people _____ (warm) up, when all the discouraged people _____ (cheer) up, when all the dishonest people _____ (confess) up, when all the disgruntled people _____ (sweeten) up, when all the depressed people _____ (look) up...REVIVAL IS HERE!

DEFINITION OF FORGIVENESS

"The act of setting someone _____ (free) from an obligation to you that is a result of a _____ (wrong) done against you."

FORGIVENESS INVOLVES THREE THINGS

1. There is _____ (injury).
2. There is a _____ (debt) resulting from the injury.
3. There is a _____ (cancellation) of the debt.

SYMPTOMS OF UNFORGIVENESS

- you can't stand to be around _____ (certain) people
- you want to strike out at people when certain _____ (subjects) are brought up
- you lose your _____ (temper) over little things
- you struggle with _____ (guilt) over things that happened in the past
- you find yourself _____ (hating) the ones you should be loving the most

FOUR REASONS WHY UNFORGIVENESS MAKES US LOSE

1. Unforgiveness is _____ (sin)
2. Unforgiveness ruins _____ (relationships)
3. Unforgiveness embraces _____ (rejection)
4. Unforgiveness _____ (wastes) time

CLOSE: "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times should I forgive...up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seven times seventy.'" (Matthew 18:21-22)