

Small Group Questions March 5th Family Matters #1 - Forgiveness – Pastor Steve

1. When you think about your biological family, what feelings come to mind? (Security, Trust, Loyalty, Love, dysfunction, fear, disappointment, unmet expectations, confusion, anger)

2. How has the societal expectation to have a good family image impacted your life?

3. How has divorce impacted your life?

Ephesians 4:26-32

4. In verse 26, God tells us to not goto bed angry. Do you find this hard to practice?

If you decided that you will not allow anger to fester in your life, how might that change you?

Pastor Steve gave us this truth: Unforgiveness is like holding onto Garbage

5. How have you seen this to be true in your life or in the lives of others?

Pastor Steve encouraged us to "Make the Choice".

6. How do we allow the decisions or indecisions or others regarding forgiveness to impact our lives?

Pastor Steve encouraged us to "Pray for them"

7. When we pray for someone that has hurt us or that we consider to be our enemy, what changes about how we see that person?

Pastor Steve said: "When you wait on someone else to come and ask forgiveness from you, you are giving that person the keys to your freedom"

8. In what ways have you allowed other people to be in control of your own Spiritual or Emotional freedom?

Ephesians 4:32 tells us to forgive others in the same way that God has forgiven us 9. Do you feel like you need forgiveness from God?

10. How does the recognition of what God has done for us motivate us to be pro-active in forgiving others?

11. Can you share with the group something that you do that helps you stay in a grateful posture before God?