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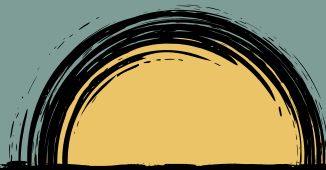
LESSON 2 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Forgiveness is a characteristic of God that is highly cherished in Christianity. We love it because we (should) know we need it. We are commanded to be forgiving because it reflects the gospel to a lost and dying world.

However, many Christians (likely influenced by popular psychology) have a therapeutic understanding of forgiveness. They tend to think of forgiveness as a unilateral, internal effort to get our emotions under control.

So, forgiveness goes from being centered on God and reflecting his glory, to something that focusing on self. But if we start with a biblical notion of God's forgiveness, we see that such a view falls short.

Let's examine biblical forgiveness is, and why it is such a necessary characteristic for a spiritually healthy and holy home.



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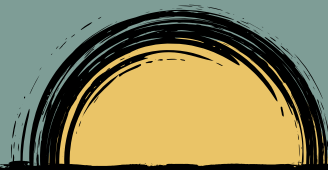
1. FORGIVENESS. What was the definition of forgiveness that was given this morning? How accurate do you think that definition is?

2. DIFFERENCES. What are some differences between what psychology thinks about forgiveness and what the Bible teaches about forgiveness? What are potential damages that could arise from an unbiblical approach to forgiveness?

3. GOALS. What is the focus of therapeutic forgiveness? What is the goal? How does this fail to reflect the glory of God in forgiveness?

4. CHARACTERISTICS. We spoke of some characteristics of biblical forgiveness – what are they, and how can you be faithful to exhibit those characteristics?

5. PRAY. How can we pray for one another to have a biblical perspective on forgiveness? how can we pray for one another to exemplify biblical forgiveness?



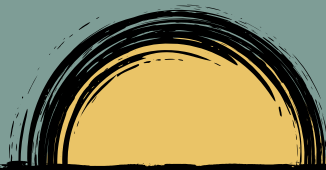
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5. SPECIFICS. What are some specific areas in life where you struggle with anger? Is there someone who you can have pray for you and be an accountability partner?

6. SPECIFICS Considering the “pathology” of anger, what are some specific ways of thinking that you can change in order to bring your emotional responses of anger under control?

7. PRAYER. Pray with someone in your group about the areas in your life where you struggle with anger.



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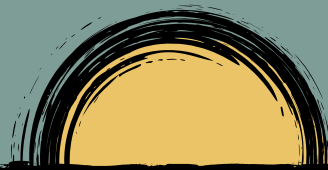
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1. ANGER. What was the definition of anger that was given this morning? How accurate do you think that definition is?

2. THE MOTIVE. What is the difference between *legal* humility and *evangelical* humility? What are practical ways that we see the loveliness of Jesus?

3. PATHOLOGY. How was the pathology of anger described? How does knowing this help you to formulate a plan to help you in your battle with anger?

4. GOD AND CONTROL. How does the sovereignty and providence of God help you in dealing with anger?



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1. 1 PETER 3:7. What is something the Lord highlighted to you this morning from the message? Any thoughts or questions?

2. SUFFERING. What is the purpose of suffering? How does this help us to ensure unjust suffering well? What are some helpful questions that we can ask when we are enduring unjust suffering to orient our heart to Jesus and to glory?

3. JESUS' PROCLAMATION. While there is much debate on the specific meaning, there is great unity on the practical application of the text. What is this application? How does it help us endure unjust suffering?

4. NOAH AND BAPTISM. Again, while there is much debate on what exactly this text means, there is great unity on the practical application of the text. What are some application points?

