

# Sermon Discussion Questions

Forbearing and Forgiving – Kim May

Sermon Text: Colossians 3:1-14

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## AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Icebreaker question – 10-20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20-30 min

## INTRODUCTION

This week we continue our study in the book of Colossians. In this message we learn about forbearing and forgiving, when each is needed, and how to approach them.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Discuss last week's application. How did you do with it?
2. What part of the sermon most resonated with you?
3. What does it mean to forbear in your own life? With whom do you need to forbear?
4. What does it mean to forgive in your own life? Who do you need to forgive?
5. We must die to ourselves—lose our old lives—to follow Jesus. How can we put this into practice?

## APPLICATION

This week reflect on your new nature in Christ—the Spirit of power, love, and self-control you have in Christ. What is one tangible thing you can do this week to work towards forbearance and/or forgiveness within a relationship in your life?

## PRAYER (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Thank God for sending his Son and his Spirit to guide us in loving others as He loves us.

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. At what point do you think the weather is too hot? Too cold?
2. What is your “go to” summertime food?
3. Are you more of a “storm chaser” or a “get in the cellar” type of person?

## **COMING UP**

To join a small group, sign up at vckceast.com or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast – 18 June, 9:00 am (Red Apple Diner)

Father's Day – 19 June. Services at 9 and 11. Join us for bacon and "Knock Out"

Kid's Camp – 6-8 July, 10:00-2:00. Age 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost \$75 <https://subspala.sh/8fznc5d/>

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

**Forbearance is for minor abrasions. Forgiveness is for major wounds.**