



**MONTEREY
CHURCH**
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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Announcements / Upcoming Events

- *Board of Supervisors Meeting, 12/11 @6:30pm*
- *Women's Christmas Gathering, 12/13 @10:30am*

WELCOME

In your family, who tries to "keep the peace"?

WORSHIP

Read Psalm 51 or Listen to "The Jesus Way" - Phil Wickham
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Fhv4arL3yk>

WORD

Message Title: "A.R.T. of Forgiveness" by Jordan Pfeiffer, 12/7/2025

Scriptures: Romans 5:15-17; Ephesians 4:31-32; Luke 17:3; Matthew 18:34-35; Matthew 5:38-42; Matthew 6:15; James 1:2-4

1. What part of the message or Scripture stood out to you this week? Why?
2. *Read Romans 5:15a.* What is alienation and how does unforgiveness keep us in alienation to God and others? What does it do to our relationship with Him & others?
3. *Read Ephesians 4:31-32.* What is the first, most visible marker of unforgiveness and what can it reveal about our hearts if we harbor this?
4. Bitterness always 'boils over' to other relationships. What damage can it cause in the Body of Christ? Share a time when you have seen another brother or sister's roots of bitterness spring up to cause trouble and defile others (Heb. 12:15)? What did you do? How can you respond in these situations in a godly, honorable way?
5. *Read 5:15b-16, Luke 17:3, Matthew 18:34-35, Matthew 6:15.* What does God's Word instruct us to do with bitterness, offense (real or perceived), and unforgiveness? On a scale of 1-10, how difficult do you think obedience to these words are? Why?
6. *Read Romans 5:17, James 1:2-4.* What are God's promises of transformation and spiritual growth as we surrender, lay down pride and trust in Him? What do we forfeit when we don't?
7. **Application.** Does this message bring conviction, encouragement or both? What is God impressing upon your heart after hearing the message? What would be a faithful response?

WITNESS

A.R.T. can be used as a helpful framework for evangelism. Prepare a brief testimony using A.R.T and practice sharing it with your group. As the Holy Spirit leads you, share it with someone who needs to hear the hope you have in Christ.

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.

Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.