

UPCOMING EVENTS:

HIGH SCHOOL WORSHIP NIGHT - JULY 19TH

Calling all 9th-12th grade students - we are doing a night of worship on Sunday, July 19th @ 6pm. Come and worship together to some of your favorite songs with friends from Westbridge Students! This is a DO NOT MISS opportunity!

EMPTY NESTER EVENT - AUGUST 2ND

If you're an "empty nester" - we would love to have you join us for a fun night of bingo, food, music, and fun! Join Pastor Jeremiah and Cheri as we get to know each other better!



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

Reading Between The Lines // Week 8

How should we deal with people who WRONG us?

*If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses, you have won that person back. But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. **Matthew 18:15-17***

GRACE and JUSTICE are both available to you.

Whatever measure you use is what will be USED for you.

FORGIVENESS IS:

Deciding someone doesn't OWE you - even though they do!

FORGIVENESS IS NOT:

1. Simple MATURITY.
2. Spiritual AMNESIA.
3. Immediate removal of CONSEQUENCES.
4. Immediate restoration of TRUST.
5. Waiting for the other person to make the FIRST MOVE.

Forgiveness STARTS with you, even if it didn't start with you!

*And forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. **Matthew 6:12***

Forgiveness begins with an AWARENESS of our own sins.

*be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. **Ephesians 4:32***

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

June 25th / 28th, 2026

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WARM UP

1. What's something small that tends to bother you more than it should? (Slow drivers, loud chewers, people who don't return shopping carts, etc.)

2. When conflict comes your way, which response is most natural for you?

- Address it immediately
- Avoid it
- Get sarcastic
- Hold onto it for a while

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KNOW IT

1. Read **Matthew 18:21-35**. What does Jesus story teach us about God's character?

2. Read **Ephesians 4:32** and **Matthew 6:12**. According to these verses, what is the connection between receiving God's forgiveness and extending forgiveness to others?

3. Jeremiah defined forgiveness as: *"Deciding someone doesn't owe you - even though they do."* How does that definition challenge or clarify your understanding of forgiveness?

4. Read **Romans 12:17-21**. What practical wisdom do we find in these verses regarding how to deal with someone who has wronged us?

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SHARE IT

1. Forgiveness is easier to talk about than to practice! Why do you think that is?

2. Which of these misconceptions about forgiveness stood out to you most?

- Forgiveness is simple maturity
- Forgiveness means forgetting
- Forgiveness removes consequences
- Forgiveness immediately restores trust
- Forgiveness waits for the other person to make the first move

3. Do you naturally gravitate more toward GRACE or JUSTICE?

4. How had becoming more aware of God's forgiveness in your OWN life changed the way you treat people who have hurt you?

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LIVE IT

1. Ask God this week if there is any resentment, bitterness, or unforgiveness you've been carrying. Write down whatever person or situation comes to mind.

2. Is there a practical step you need to take this week?

- Release a debt you've been holding onto.
- Begin praying for someone who hurt you.
- Have an honest conversation.

3. Spend a few minutes reflecting the debt Jesus has forgiven in your own life. How might gratitude for His grace change your interactions with difficult people?