



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Forgiveness and Grace

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Highlighted Scripture (NIV)

Matthew 6:14–15

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Colossians 3:12–14

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”

Psalms 103:8–12

“The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbour his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Discussion Questions

- 1. Who is someone you've struggled to forgive? What keeps you from taking steps toward forgiveness?**
- 2. How does reflecting on God's forgiveness of your own sins change your perspective about forgiving others?**
- 3. Pastor Tony says forgiveness isn't excusing wrongdoing but releasing bitterness. What practical differences does that view create in how you pursue reconciliation?**
- 4. Which of the three passages speaks most directly to you right now (Matthew 6:14–15, Colossians 3:12–14, Psalm 103:8–12) — and why?**
- 5. Who in your life could benefit from you extending a small, tangible act of mercy this week?**

Reflection Challenge

This week, pick one small, concrete step toward forgiveness (write a short letter you don't have to send, speak one honest sentence to the person, pray for them daily, or offer one practical kindness). Do it within the next seven days and journal how the action affects your heart. Be ready to share one sentence about the result at your next group meeting.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for forgiving me when I fall short. Help me extend that same grace to others, especially when it's difficult. Teach me to see people through Your eyes—with compassion, patience, and mercy. Soften my heart where it has grown hard and replace any bitterness with peace. May Your love guide me to forgive as You have forgiven. Amen.

