



A Family in Shambles

2 Samuel 14

As a Life Group:

1. Pray for one another.
2. Pray for those who don't know Christ by name.
3. Ask each other: "What has God done in your life this week?"
4. Ask each other: "What has God taught you this week?"
5. Ask each other: "Have you shared Jesus with anyone this week?"
6. How can you serve together as a group?

1. In 2 Samuel 14, David and Absalom are still at odds and the "first family" of Israel is in shambles. Has sin, unforgiveness, or bitterness affected your family in any way? If you're comfortable doing so, share about that.
2. Many times, unforgiveness can imprison us just as bad—if not more—than the pain someone else causes us. Have you ever struggled with forgiving someone, particularly in your family, who has hurt you? In what ways did you (or, are you currently) justify withholding forgiveness?
3. When we don't confront and deal with unforgiveness in our lives it always grows into bitterness and resentment. If we you've experienced this, how is your heart affected?
4. How have you handled "forgiveness" towards someone who made no effort to seek forgiveness or be reconciled?
5. In this story, we see David invite Absalom back to Jerusalem but kept him at a distance and didn't want to see him. Is this true forgiveness? Is there an appropriate place for this when we are at odds with someone in our life?
6. What does this story teach us about Jesus and how we should live in relationship with others?