

# Weekend Message Questions

## Practicing Forgiveness

May 27-28, 2023

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**CHECK-IN:** *Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.*

- What is your favorite part of the summer? Do you have any plans you are looking forward to over the next couple of months?

**READ:** Matthew 18:21-27, Micah 7:18-20

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- Have you ever been the recipient of the kind of gift Jesus talks about in Matthew? What happened? How did you feel? How did it impact your life?
- Have you ever received forgiveness that you felt you didn't deserve? How did that forgiveness impact you? What did you learn about yourself and/or Jesus through that experience?
- How does understanding the nature of God's forgiveness for us help us to forgive others?

**READ:** Matthew 18:28-24

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- "At its most basic level, forgiveness is the decision to pardon an offense and give up the right to be repaid."
  - What do you think of or feel when you hear that definition of forgiveness?
  - Have you withheld this kind of forgiveness for a person or situation in your life? Why? How is withholding forgiveness impacting your life?
  - What obstacles might you have to overcome personally in order to forgive this way?

**DISCUSS:**

- "Forgiveness is a journey, and it must begin with me." How can you start the journey, or take the next step toward forgiveness in your life?
- How can this group support you as you work toward emotional healing and forgiveness?
- Read and reflect on Psalm 51.

**Pray to close.**

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