

MSC – Summer Connect Group Guide

Series: **YOU ASKED FOR IT**

Message: **Part 4 – How Do I Forgive?**

July 15, 2018



SUMMER SERIES
JULY & AUGUST

Connect

SUMMER 2018

*What is your favorite Summer Food or Ice Cream?

*Have you been reading/learning anything in God's Word (the Bible) this past week? Share 1 or 2 things.

Sunday Message Feedback

*Sunday's Speaker: Ray Duerksen – from [Southland Church](#), Steinbach MB.

1. MESSAGE FEEDBACK: You Asked For It

Share your initial feedback and questions from Sunday's Message – on Forgiveness.

2. Read Scripture: [Ephesians 4:32](#); [Colossians 3:12-13](#); [Mark 11:25-26](#); [Luke 17:1-19](#)

What are your thoughts on these passages of Scripture and on the following key points for this passage and Ray's message?

- a. Forgiveness is Difficult. We want justice... Where does our sense of justice come from?
- b. Forgiving is a Command (of God) that we are expected to Obey.
- c. Unforgiveness impacts the individual but also their family, especially kids. It has Impact/Legacy beyond ourselves.
- d. Forgiving is a Process of Actions, not an event. It involves CHOICE!

3. The Action of Forgiveness Involves: Read [Luke 6:27-28](#)

**Share your feedback and questions on the following points.*

- a. Doing something good.
- b. Blessing them.
- c. Praying for them.

**Do you have to do all 3 in order to forgive? It is possible or safe in all cases.*

4. Forgiveness is NOT:

**Share your feedback and questions on the following points.*

- i. Forgiveness is NOT a Feeling.
- ii. Forgiveness is NOT downplaying or minimizing the offense.
- iii. Forgiveness is NOT excusing the offense.
- iv. Forgiveness is NOT earned.
- v. Forgiveness is NOT conditional. e.g. *what if the offender doesn't confess/repent or apologize?*
- vi. Forgiveness is NOT forgetting the offense.
- vii. Forgiveness does NOT mean that you must trust that person again.

5. Forgiving Other Comes with Benefits:

**Share your feedback and questions on the following benefits of forgiveness.*

- a. You will experience Healing.
- b. You will keep your childcare (& others) from falling.
- c. You will cover over a multitude of sins and save someone. *[James 5:19-20](#)
- d. God will forgive you! *[Matthew 6:14-15](#)
- e. You will receive an eternal reward. *[Matthew 5:43-46](#)

Application & Prayer

READ Scripture: www.openbible.info/topics/forgiveness

ASK JESUS – Is there anyone that I need to forgive, as you have forgiven me?

ACT (when & where possible and appropriate): Do Good to Them – Bless Them – Pray for Them

*ATTEND our upcoming SET FREE Retreat. October 26-27. www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

*If you have questions or would like further resources please feel free to contact Pastor Shawn or Pastor Eryn.

PRAY : In response to this topic and discussion how can we Pray for you personally? Pray for one another.

Summer Connect Groups

SUMMER WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays. 9am-10:30am. Main Street Café.

JULY 10, 17, 24 & 31 AUG 14 & 21.

Leader: [Sharon Tiessen](#)

*This a drop-in group. No Childcare Provided.

SUMMER CONNECT GROUP

Wednesdays. 7pm-8:30pm. Main Street Café.

JULY : 11th, 18th, 25th AUG : 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Leader: [Eryn Moore](#) (Chris Sloan will be covering for me on the 1st & 8th)

*This a drop-in group. No Childcare Provided.