



Community Life

Living as a community intentionally focused on cultivating the life of Christ in others.

GROUP GUIDE



LIFE HACKS – wk 3: *The “Get Rid of It” Principle*

ARRIVAL/CONNECTING and SNACK: (15 Minutes) Spend time catching up and socializing with one another. Follow up on prayer requests and any action steps from your last time together.

SHORT OPENING PRAYER FOR YOUR TIME TOGETHER: (2 minutes)

SCRIPTURE READING: (3 minutes)

Have someone read **Matthew 6:9-14** out loud and slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Reflect quietly for a moment. Keep your Bibles open as you discuss.

OBSERVATION and REFLECT: 10 minutes

1. What does the Lord’s prayer say about forgiveness?
2. Given the certainty that God’s forgiveness of our sins is 100% dependent upon the work of Christ and not on our performance, how do you understand verse 14?
3. What are the practical implications of this verse?

SCRIPTURE READING #2: (2 minutes)

Have someone read **Colossians 3:12-17** out loud and slowly enough for everyone to enjoy.

OBSERVE, REFLECT, and DISCUSS: 20 minutes

1. What does this passage say about how we are to forgive others?
2. We are commanded to “forgive each other, just as the Lord has forgiven us.” What are the implications of that command?
3. What does this passage say about the attitude or “spirit” we are to have toward one another if we hope to practice this sort of forgiveness?
4. What does the passage imply about how we need to view ourselves if we hope to forgive others?
5. Share a story about when someone has forgiven you.
 - What did you feel in that experience?
 - What did you learn?
 - What is your relationship with that person like today?

PLAN TO CHANGE: 20 minutes

1. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive? Why haven’t you done so, or what is holding you back?
2. If it is appropriate and you feel comfortable, share the first name of the person you need to forgive so that others in your group can pray with you.

CLOSING PRAYER: 10 minutes

Take a few minutes to pray for one another in light of what has been shared and discussed today.