



SBSG – Sermon Series – Unfair: Forgiven

The Purpose of a Sermon Based Small Group (to be read at the beginning of each gathering)

The purpose of our small group is to actively pursue Christ through relationships, as we worship, serve, and belong together.

READ ALOUD BY ALL (allow this prayer to shape your time together)

Dear God, help me in this dialogue to be humble & suspend judgment. I recognize that we are all created in your image. Give me courage to stay curious about each other by asking questions. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to meet together and in so doing grow closer to you. AMEN

Series: Unfair

Opening question: Have you ever been extended forgiveness (please tell your story)? How did that feel?

Sermon Synopsis: When Joseph becomes the right hand of Pharaoh, he leads Egypt through 7 years of famine with a stockpile of food for everyone from the surrounding region. When his brothers come for food, as they are starving, Joseph is left with a tough decision - should he forgive the very brothers who sold him into slavery? If we decide to be generous when we are angry, what kind of effect can that have on others?

Bible Passage(s) from the sermon: Genesis 45:1-20 (NRSV)

What questions do you have about the passages/sermon?

What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

Discipleship Point: Forgiveness leaves a lasting legacy.

Is there forgiveness you are withholding from someone? If so how can you work toward forgiving them...whether they asked for it or not?

Prayer

Share a one or two sentence prayer request with the Small Group for this next week. Remember these prayer requests are about your life not someone else's.

(Sample Prayer)

God, we thank you for your presence with us. We lift up these requests to you knowing that you care deeply about us...we pray for _____ and _____ and (fill in prayer requests) ... God we know that you have heard our request and we release all outcomes to you and your glory. It's in your Son's name Jesus that we pray...**AMEN.**