

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ASHLAND

Discipleship Guide Forgive Generously (Luke 17) We Make The Road By Walking

This guide is an invitation to follow Jesus with greater purpose and hope. It will help you to explore the scriptures and challenge you to live out your faith. Each week we'd love for you to think about how you relate: **Up** (with God), **In** (with church) and **Out** (with neighbors).

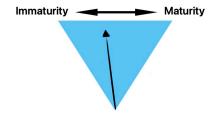
## **Weekly Questions:**

- How is God getting my attention? For help, think about these areas:
  - How are you living up with God?
  - · How are you living in community with other followers of Jesus?
  - How are you living out on mission with your neighbors?
- What are you going to do about it?

## Luke 17:1-19

Forgiveness might be one of the most scandalous parts of Christianity and following Jesus.

- How would you describe the difference between forgiveness, repair and reconciliation?
- Read Luke 17:1-4. Are you a weight on or weight off person? Do you help make other people's life feel weighed down or do you help their life to feel lighter?
- What would it look like to forgive as generously as God forgives?



- What is the danger of convincing ourselves that people don't change? How can we avoid the ditch of "people can't change" and "reckless relationships"?
- Read Luke 17:5-10. What do we learn about God's forgiveness from this story? How might we celebrate our great God rather than thinking we must have great faith?

Practicing gratitude is the way to grow seeds of forgiveness and grace. Read Luke 17:11-19.

- What does the Samaritan do that the other healed lepers do not do? Do you find yourself living more like the Samaritan or the other nine men? How might you live more like the Samaritan?
- What do we learn about who God invites to the table and relationship by the way Jesus tells stories about the Samaritans understanding God's heart for people better than other religious folks?
- Is there one person you can invite to the table of forgiveness this week?
- What is something you can do to grow gratitude in your daily life? ?

After reflection, what are you going to do about what you learned this week?