

GROUP QUESTIONS: Forgiveness wk 1 w/ Jenn Fisher

1. What are some fall traditions or habits you enjoy?
2. Take a minute to summarize with your group the main point(s) of the message from Sunday and/or briefly share what stood out to you the most.
3. Jen suggested that although there is no formal apology or clear reference to forgiveness, it is indeed woven throughout the story in John 21:1-19. She suggests that Jesus shows up to bring repair, to bring closure and to help his followers make sense of their stories so they don't move forward in life with a story of self blame. How does this story impact your view of Jesus? If Jesus felt like that towards his disciples, how might God feel towards you?
4. Jen said that Sin and Shame are the same. Sin and Shame are disconnection, when we are cut off from ourselves. They are the lie that we are not worthy of love and connection. How does this idea sit with you? Have you considered this before? What might this mean for you? Discuss.
5. Jen told us that when we own our stories we can rewrite the story, but when we deny the story it will own us. How has this idea been fleshed out in your life? Can you think of a time when you were able to face a hurt and then find a way to a better story?
6. Jenn mentioned seeing the story of forgiveness in creation. She referenced the leaves falling and becoming sustenance for future seasons. In what other ways might we see forgiveness in creation?