

MINDSETS: A FORGIVENESS MINDSET

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY:

Jesus taught us to prioritize being forgivers, people who are grace-filled and ready to forgive others, always remembering the great personal debt of sin for which God extended forgiveness to us. Thus, we must let the Lord's forgiveness provide the motivation for us to live out our lives with a forgiveness mindset toward all those around us.

Key Passages: Matthew 18:35; Luke 23:32-34

Be sure to read this Scripture passage together before you proceed to the "Grow" section of our study.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

KNOW: Spend some time finding out how everyone's week has gone.

The questions in this section provide a guide for connectivity; feel free to approach this part of your group time organically over a meal or "connection" activity or with questions appropriate to your context.

What is something that you are thankful for this week?

What is something that is causing you stress or concern this week?

Who in your life is in need of prayer, physical help, or emotional encouragement right now?

GROW: Grow in the Lord as you engage His Word together.

Can you think of a time in your life where you were forgiven for a big offense? How did it make you feel?

In Matthew 6:15, Jesus indicates that the way we forgive others is closely related to how we will experience God's forgiveness in our own lives. Read this verse and discuss what you think it implies.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to learn what it looks like to intentionally forgive others so that we can show those around us just a little snapshot of what God's forgiveness looks like. Describe how forgiveness toward an unbeliever may help lead that person to know Jesus.

GO: Talk through ways you can put what you've learned into practice.

Read Luke 23:32-34. What does Jesus' request in that verse tell you about Him?

Why do you think forgiveness is central to our faith?

How is God's forgiveness different than ours?



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