



KEEP TALKING

The weekend doesn't have to end. Keep Talking with this week's guide.

Let's Talk | Forgiveness

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

What is earliest memory you have of forgiving someone?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking.

Read Mark 11:24-25; Luke 6:37

Jesus said a lot about forgiveness and it's something that keeps coming up in all of our lives - the need to walk in forgiveness. This is something Jesus commands us to do.

- What stands out from what you've read?
- What's the difference between a command and a suggestion?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Read Matthew 18:21 - 22; Luke 22:34

We should only talk about forgiveness within the context of what Jesus has done for us. There are many reasons today why it is difficult to forgive but yet when we look at what Jesus has done for us we realise how much we have been forgiven.

Pastor Carl talked about three things we need to hold onto:

1. Remember (Eph 4:31 - 32)
2. Relinquish (Rom 12:14 - 19 The Message)
3. Repeat the process (Ps. 103:12)

- When circumstances arise that merit forgiveness, we must choose how we are going to react and what we are going to react from. In big or small circumstances, what are your natural tendencies? Do you tend to react from a place of forgiveness? What did this week's message teach you about the result of your response?
- As a group, look up and read aloud the verses that go with each point above in the section above. How do these points and verses help you to have a Biblical understanding of how we should approach forgiveness?
- Ask God to show you who you need to forgive and ways you need to ask for forgiveness from others and yourself. Write down what He reveals to you. As a group, encourage each other with prayer and ask God to walk you through full circle forgiveness.

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Is there someone you need to forgive?
- Do you need to forgive yourself?
- Invite God into this conversation and ask Him to help you this week.

KEEP PRAYING

Spend time praying as a group, asking God to help everyone who needs to move forward in forgiveness. Maybe ask if anyone would like specific prayer around a specific issue.