



ONE ANOTHER

WEEK 7 | Forgive One Another

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TALK ABOUT IT

Why is forgiveness hard to practice?

If forgiveness is “giving up the right to get even”:

- (1) why do you believe you have the *right* to get even?
- (2) What is the greatest challenge you face in giving up that *right*?

LOOK AT THE WORD

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. *Colossians 3:13*

- What type of grievances might Paul be referring to with the church in Colossae?
- How did the Lord forgive the members of the church?
- Why does Paul instruct people to forgive as the Lord forgave?
 - Why hadn't the followers of Jesus been forgiving as the Lord forgave?

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

Matthew 18:15-17

- Follow the step by step process Jesus lays out:
 - Which step catches your attention the most?
 - Which do you believe is the hardest to practice?
- Why do you think Jesus starts out small, with a one on one interaction?

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” *Matthew 18:21*

- Why does Peter want to know how many times he has to forgive?
- Why are numbers significant in the Bible: 3, 7, 10, 77?
- What does this interaction with Peter teach us about ourselves when it comes to forgiveness and what Jesus asks of us?

Read Matthew 18:23-35.

- Why does Jesus use a parable to teach about forgiveness?
- Which aspects of the story stand out to you most?
- What questions do you still have?

LOOK INWARD

Dave shared a neighbour's sign that read, "I start each day with good intentions and a positive attitude... but then people happen..."

- What does it look like to have 'good intentions and a positive attitude'?
- What does it mean to you when you hear "then people happen"?

When considering Jesus' parable about Servant A and Servant B:

- What is the connection between forgiveness and our "rights" (what we are owed; Matt. 18:28b)?
- What does Jesus teach us about our "rights"?

LOOK OUTWARD

Forgiving One Another

- How can forgiveness change our relationships with:
 - Other believers?
 - Neighbours?
 - Co-workers?
 - Family Members?
- What happens when we are unable to forgive?

SO WHAT?

Think: What do you need to forgive? What do you need to give up so you can get out?

Pray: Say thank you to Jesus for the rescue He's provided in your life?

Confess: Are you the one who needs forgiveness today?

BREATH PRAYER

God, help me to give up to get out.

FURTHER RESOURCES

One Another's *This Summer*

Over the next few weeks, we will explore the "one another's" of the Gospel. Here are a few: how might you consider putting "one another's" into practice so that people see that they matter to you... and therefore, Jesus will matter to them.

Be at peace with one another ([Mk 9:50](#))

Don't grumble against one another ([Jn 6:43](#))

Accept one another ([Ro 15:7](#))

Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil ([1 Th 5:15](#))

Confess sins to one another ([Jas 5:16](#))

Through love, serve one another ([Ga 5:13](#))

Give preference to one another in honor ([Ro 12:10](#))

Regard one another as more important than yourselves ([Php 2:3](#))

Be subject to one another ([Ep 5:21](#))

Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another ([1 Pe 5:5](#))

Do not judge one another ([Ro 14:13](#))

Bear one another's burdens ([Ga 6:2](#))

Speak truth to one another ([Ep 4:25](#))

Encourage and build up one another ([1 Th 5:11](#))

Stimulate one another to love and good deeds ([He 10:24](#))

Be hospitable to one another ([1 Pe 4:9](#))