

Bible Summary

Series - Ignorant

Topic - Forgiveness

Most people don't know how or why they should forgive. We learned bad habits as kids when our well-meaning parents forced silly apologies for throwing sand in Joey's eyes. Because we don't forgive correctly we often travel through life with open bleeding wounds that destroy relationships and prevent God's peace and shalom from reigning in our lives. Jesus gives us the answers in Luke 17:1-6.

Scriptures— Luke 17:1-6; 1 John 5:3; Romans 12:18, 21, 13:1-4; 2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Hebrews 12:15; Matthew 6:15

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's message challenge your thinking?
2. Forgiveness was discussed as a revolving door -- with God forgiving us, and us forgiving others.
 - a. Why should we forgive?
 - b. Talk about a time when you stopped the revolving door.
3. On the cross, Jesus said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Discuss.
4. Who does forgiveness benefit, the offender or the offended?
5. What happens when we don't forgive -- physically, emotionally, spiritually?
6. How do we go about forgiving others; how about an unrepentant person?
7. What is rebuke? How is rebuke involved in forgiveness?
8. This week take inventory and ask for the Lord's supernatural power to lay down our pain and increase our empathy and love for one another.