

4-Who Needs God? Forgiveness

Psalm 130



1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. Talk about a time in your life when you wanted a 'do over', or you wished you could redeem yourself (could be light and fun, could be serious).
3. What are some things in life that never get a 'do over'? Talk about the reality and pain of not getting a chance to redeem yourself.
4. Read Psalm 130:1-3. What are the deepest depths you have been in - spiritually, emotionally, relationally? The Psalmist seems to think that God hears us from the depths. What does it mean to you that God meets you there?
5. Have you ever thought of yourself as a 'great sinner'? What in you pushes back against that? Could you stand if God kept track of all your sin?
6. Read Matthew 5:21-22 and Matthew 5:27-28. How does Jesus redefine the standard of what 'great sin' is? Where does that leave you and I? How does the Psalmist say it in verse 3?
7. Read Psalm 130:4-8. Describe where the Psalmist put his hope and how he received full redemption. How does that challenge you? How could our own efforts get in the way of receiving the full redemption he speaks of?
8. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. In some ways, our inability to forgive others is a result of our inability to understand how much we have been forgiven. Interact with that statement. Who do you need to forgive as God forgave you?
9. Pray and confess your sins together (Psalm 51:1-12).