

DOING LIFE TOGETHER

9. Is there anyone in your life to whom you need to extend grace or forgiveness right now?

What is one step you can take?

10. Describe a time when you saw bitterness wreak havoc on you and a relationship in your life. What did you learn about the importance of forgiveness through that experience?

11. What are some practical ways we can challenge each other to extend grace and make forgiveness normal in our daily lives?

How does it impact our credibility in asking people to accept the grace and forgiveness Jesus offers, if we are graceless and unforgiving as His servants?

Prayer Requests

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Empowered by Grace
Colossians 3:12-14

Knowing the L_____ of Jesus ...

... Leads to S_____ the W_____ of Grace

What should I do with what I've heard today?

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

THINKING THINGS THROUGH

1. Think about a time when you held a grudge that now seems silly. Why did you feel like your grudge was appropriate at the time?

2. What are some reasons it is difficult to forgive others?

Which of these are excuses for not practicing forgiveness, rather than legitimate reasons?

DIGGING DEEPER

READ COLOSSIANS 3:13

3. Look up some other translations of the phrase “bear with each other.” What do you understand this phrase to mean, and how is it connected to forgiveness?

Why is accepting someone else, despite their behavior, an essential element of forgiveness?

4. How does Paul's call to forgiveness in this verse help you understand why this is an important trait for Christians to model?

5. Why do we treat forgiveness as something we have the choice to do or not do?

Do Christians really have that choice? Explain.

6. What would be the proper grace response if we have a complaint with someone else?

How does that stand in contrast to the way you typically respond?

READ EPHESIANS 4:32

7. How is forgiveness more a spiritual issue than anything else in our lives?

What does our willingness or unwillingness to forgive reveal about our hearts?

8. How are compassion and forgiveness related?

As your compassion for other people grows, how does your ability to forgive grow as well?