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LifeNotes

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Session IX Week 7

Week 4: The Mission of Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

Getting Started...

Before you start, ask someone to pray for the facilitator who will guide the discussion.

Getting to Know One Another... In the evening, would you rather play a game, visit a relative, watch a movie, or read?

What is one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this grab your attention?

On Sunday, Anthony asked if "you have passed on to others the forgiveness that God gave you?" Are there accounts you need to settle? Share with your group and pray.

Read Matthew 18:21-22

Do you tend to be quick or slow to forgive? Offenders in Jesus' day were forgiven up to three times; a fourth offense need not be forgiven. What does Jesus' answer (v. 22) say about forgiveness in the Kingdom?

Read Matthew 18:31-35

If we refuse to forgive, what are we denying ourselves?

More....

Read Matthew 18:15-20 Outline the process named there.

Is forgiveness ever separate from truth-telling and accountability?

It is within this context that Jesus calls us to forgive our brothers innumerable times. What is established here?

What have you found helpful in forgiving those who have wronged you?

Has there ever been a time when you have received forgiveness in such a way that relationships were restored? Tell about it.

Which character in the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant can you relate to the most? Why?

Taking It Home...

What is today's parable calling you to do? Knowing that God shows mercy and forgiveness, where might you show forgiveness?

Daily Readings

Day 1		Luke 17:3-4
Day 2		Ephesians 4:31-32
Day 3		Mark 11:25
Day 4		Micah 7:18-19
Day 5		Psalms 103:12
Day 6		Hebrews 10:17-18
Day 7		Luke 6:37