



Discussion Guide for “We are Forgivers” Free of Charge Week 4

Forgiveness is difficult because wrongs create a relational debt. To forgive is to release someone from a genuine debt they owe us. We find the ability to forgive in God’s forgiveness toward us, a forgiveness that has been ours since before the world began. A forgiveness sealed at the cross. A forgiveness that invites us into God’s new life. How can we participate in God’s forgiveness?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 6:12](#)

[Romans 12:17-21](#)

[2 Corinthians 5:14-21](#)

[Colossians 2:13-14](#)

[1 Peter 1:18-20](#)

Questions for Discussion

1. JR. said, “Relationships don’t run on spreadsheets.” Why isn’t paying someone back enough? How is forgiveness different?
2. Read 1 Peter 1:18-20 again. What does it mean to say that God forgave us before the creation of the world? How is this tied to God’s generosity?
3. How is God’s wrath good news? How does God’s wrath grow out of God’s love?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. What new reality does God’s forgiveness invite us to be part of? How is this connected to Jesus’ words in the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:12)?
5. How do we respond to God’s forgiveness? What steps do you need to take this week?