



Discussion Guide for “Why Should We Forgive?” Free of Charge Week 5

Forgiveness is a nice idea, but we treat it as optional. God insists we must be a people of forgiveness. Only forgiving overcomes evil in our world.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 5:38-48](#)

[Romans 12:17-21](#)

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

[Hebrews 8:12](#)

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

Questions for Discussion

1. Why does revenge feel so good? How does it create more evil?
2. What is justice? How is our judicial system “retributive”? Why is this insufficient to overcome evil? Can you share an example in your own life where this has been true?
3. What does it mean that the author of Hebrews claims (in 8:12) that God will forget our sins? How do you feel about this with regard to your own sins? What about the sins of a person who has wronged you?
4. How is the Cross unjust? Why is that good news? How does Forgiveness “swallow up” evil?
5. Why must Christians forgive? How does our choice to forgive join in God’s healing of the world?
6. What does forgiveness look like in your life this week?