



Discussion Guide for “How to Forgive”

The Way, Way Back Week 11

We think of forgiveness as something we do with another person. But what happens when the other person isn't willing - or able - to reconcile? How can we find freedom from what was done to us? Joseph's story ends with a new world made possible by forgiveness and hope.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Genesis 45:1-15](#)

[Genesis 42-44](#)

[Romans 8:28](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Genesis 45:1-15](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Does forgiveness come easy to you, or is it hard? Why is that?
2. What's the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? Why does this distinction matter?
3. Review what Joseph says to his brothers in Genesis 45:1-15. How was he able to say what he did?
4. What does it mean to say forgiveness creates a new world?
5. What does forgiveness look like for you this week?