

GO DEEPER

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Did you actively practice covering over with love this week? If so, how?
Were there places where you struggled to discern whether or not you should overlook? If so, what were they? Ask the group what they think.

Share about your relationship with forgiveness.

Is forgiveness something you find easy, hard, or something else?
What were you taught about forgiveness as a child?
What was modeled or practiced for you by your family and church?

Read Matthew 18:1-35

How do all the different "sections" of Jesus' sermon flow together?
Why is it important to read his teaching on forgiveness in context?

Focus on 15-20. What is the role of the Church in confrontation, restoration, and forgiveness?

What is vs 18 referring to? What are the implications?

What do you make of the parable Jesus tells? What does it teach us?

Jesus says the Father will only forgive if we also forgive (Mtt 5:14-15 & 18:35). Is he serious? If grace is free, how can this be?
If this is true, what does it mean for how we must live?

Consider what Pastor Adam said about what forgiveness is NOT.

Why is it important to be clear about what Jesus isn't saying?
How can a passage like 18:21-35 be abused and misused?
How does holding 21-35 in tension with 15-20 give us a better understanding of what forgiveness really is?

Live It!

Is God calling you to forgive someone? Who? How will you begin?
Do you need to confront someone over an offense done to you?
Do you need help discerning if you should confront someone?
Do you need to admit a wrong you have done to someone else?

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