

The Habits of Grace

Forgiveness

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The first rule of forgiveness: Don't let anyone else's

_____ bother you more than _____.

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Although consequences and extent of sin may vary, each individual stands before God _____.

...Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said

⁴⁴Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. **Luke 7:42^b-46, NIV**

God's eyes see _____ that _____ a forgiven debt, not the sin that precedes it.

⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." **Luke 7:47, NIV**

A Christian's _____ of love is forgiven sin.

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." **Luke 7:48-50, NIV**

Sin cannot be _____ unless the debt is _____.

Jesus made payment for _____ sin debt on the cross.

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-9, NIV**

¹²And **forgive us** our debts, as **we** also have **forgiven** our debtors. **Matthew 6:12, NIV**

God wants forgiveness to be _____, _____, and _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: Jesus paid the price for my sin. I am forgiven. I will live a life of worship in which I willingly shower love and thanks on God and others.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

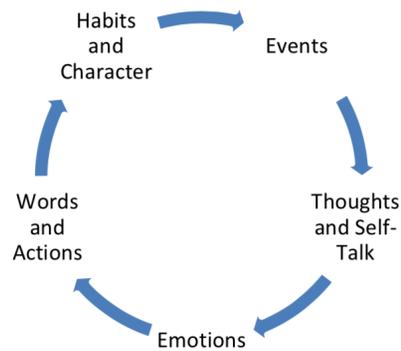
Impact Groups

Habits of Grace: Forgiveness

Getting Started: What is the most valuable thing that you have ever lost, but later found?

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday's message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



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Agree or Disagree. Every Sunday when I confess my sins, my actions and demeanor should be very much like that of this woman.

How would you respond? Brad says some people have done such bad things they shouldn't be forgiven like those who hurt children or murder. He doesn't think they deserve forgiveness and he never will forgive them.

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What truth about the debt of sin do you take from these verses?

What truth about forgiveness do you take from these verses?

My Next Step

Read Luke 7 assorted verses.

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What steps can a person take to become a more forgiving person in his/her life?

Doing Life Together

Each Sunday we worship we take time to confess our sins and receive the promise of God's forgiveness from the pastor. Why is this such a healthy practice for a church family to do?

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders

CrossWalk Kids is open for kids birth through grade 5 in the 9 am service.

Midtown is now meeting on Sundays at 10 am at Camelback High School.

Download the church center app today to stay up to date on the latest events at CrossWalk, fill out a communication card or give an offering.

Check out the "Invest and Invite 100" event on the app. It is one way to encourage you to invite friends to Easter worship.