

Discussion Questions - Worship Thru Forgiveness
Selected Passages
EFree Church, Diamond Bar
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Outline from Sunday's Sermon:

Three Aspects of Forgiveness

1. Learning to seek forgiveness from others
2. Learning to forgive others
3. Learning to receive God's forgiveness

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 15:17. The Prodigal Son "came to his senses." In other words, he repented. What is the difference between true repentance and a mere apology?
2. In your own life, do you find it generally more difficult to seek forgiveness or give forgiveness? Keep in mind, there will be exceptions to the norm.
3. Read Colossians 3:13. C.S. Lewis said the following: *"Don't waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbor; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him."* Is there presently a situation in your life in which you can apply this? Feel free to elaborate, but please be careful not to reveal any unnecessary, sensitive details.
4. What's the difference between "excusing" someone and "forgiving" that person? Why is it important to not simply settle for saying "It's okay," when we've been wronged?
5. Anne Graham Lotz said the following: *"We forgive others, not because they deserve it, but because He deserves it! The only reason we have to forgive is that He commands us to, and our obedience gives us opportunity to say to Him, 'Thank You for forgiving me. I love You.' Our forgiveness of others then becomes an act of worship that we would not enter into except for who He is and for the overwhelming debt of love we owe Him."* What has God been teaching you in the area of worship thru forgiveness?