

Getting into Our LivesGroup time - 15 minutes

1. Why is forgiving so difficult? Why are some things harder to forgive than others?
2. How big do you think your debt was to God? How should this impact your ability to forgive?
3. Who has been someone you have been unwilling to forgive? Why?
4. Are you willing to let Jesus lead you to the difficult and possibly painful place of offering forgiveness (without expectation or control)? What is the next step you should take?

Getting Out the GospelGroup time - 10 minutes

This is the final week of the winter session. Our hope and prayer is that you have had the opportunity to grow in your knowledge and obedience to the Word as well as be challenged and equipped in sharing the Gospel. If you have any stories of how this has stretched you or impacted those around you, please share with your group and send an email to Pastor Derick – dzeulner@southshores.org

Getting into PrayerGroup time - 10 minutes

Reach: Pray that God would reach people's hearts through the offering of personal forgiveness.

Grow: Pray that we would search our own hearts to forgive and to seek forgiveness.

Empower: Pray that God would give our group members opportunity to share Christ and invite to church this Easter season.

Costly, Undeserved Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

Q. *How are Jesus' followers called to forgive?*

A1. Give forgiveness out of _____ given.

A2. From the _____

R -
E -
A -
C -
H -

Accept the Challenge:

I never knew:

I need to change:

I should share:

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Week of March 24, 2019

Getting StartedGroup time - 15 minutes

1. This is the last week of this Growth Group session. Take a moment to share something that God used this session to help you move “forward” in your transformation into being more like Christ.
2. Outside of scripture, what is one of the best examples of forgiveness that you have witnessed?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

Getting into God’s WordGroup time - 40 minutes

Read Matthew 18:21-22

1. What do you think prompted Peter’s question? Do you think he’s being generous or stingy with forgiveness?
2. How should we understand Jesus’ immediate answer? How does he play with the numbers?

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Is there anyone in your life with whom you are painfully aware of how many times they wronged you and you have forgiven them? Why do you think that is so?

Read Matthew 18:23-27

3. What is this man’s situation? What changes it? **See also: John 10:1-18**

4. Why do you think a king settling accounts with servants is a good analogy for the kingdom of heaven?

Read Matthew 18:28-30

5. What is surprising about this part of the story?

6. What do the man’s actions represent in relation to forgiveness?

Read Matthew 18:31-35

7. How is the man’s wickedness defined? How has this changed his trajectory?

8. What does this parable tell us about true believers and forgiveness? What does an unforgiving heart reveal? **See also: Matthew 6:14-15**

9. Where must a forgiving heart come from?
See also: Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:13; Romans 5:5