

**Prayer Concerns:**

**FORGIVENESS**

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**Understanding forgiveness:**

*Forgiveness is not...*

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*Forgiveness is...*

\_\_\_\_\_ the right to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ God has

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**How to seek forgiveness:**

Take \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Offer an \_\_\_\_\_

Attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ what you \_\_\_\_\_

**How to forgive:**

Don't \_\_\_\_\_

Trust God to \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

Forgive as you've \_\_\_\_\_

## **Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions**

### **Getting Started:**

1. Describe a time when another person forgave you in a significant way.

### **Digging Deeper:**

#### **Read Colossians 3:12-17**

1. Who have been the main peacemakers in your life? In what ways did they help you forgive or be forgiven?
2. In the Bible, the word translated ‘forgiveness’ means ‘to release, or to throw out the right to get even.’ Read John 8:1-11. What does this story teach us about our need to forgive others?
3. Review what forgiveness is not and what forgiveness is from the sermon outline. How does this information change your perspective on forgiveness?

4. Review how to seek forgiveness from the outline. Which of these can be the hardest for you to do when you need forgiveness from another?

5. Read Genesis 50:15-21. What do we learn about forgiveness from Joseph’s example?

### **Taking it Home:**

1. Do you need to seek forgiveness from someone you’ve sinned against? Is there someone you need to forgive in the name of Jesus?