



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

A GOSPEL LIFE | May 5, 2019 | EPHESIANS 4:32

*"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as
God in Christ forgave you."
—Ephesians 4:32*

FROM THE TEXT

- As a Group, look up these references about forgiveness found in the Scriptures: Matthew 6:14-15, Luke 17:3-4, Isaiah 1:18, Colossians 1:13-14, Psalm 103:12, Micah 7:18-19, Mark 11:25.
- Read Ephesians 4:32. If you wanted to share the Gospel only using this verse, could you do it? If so, how would you expound upon just this one verse to share the good news of redemption?

FROM THE SERMON

- Why do you think this one verse is important enough to receive its own sermon? How did you sense God using the sermon to work in you?
- Pastor Chris recalled the story of Corrie Ten Boom and her encounter with her former captor. What did you think about this story? Can you think of any other extraordinary, personal stories of forgiveness that you have read or heard of?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- The book "The Peacemaker" states that 4 promises should be true of us when we forgive others (ultimately because these promises are true of God when He forgives us):
 - 1) I will not dwell on this incident.
 - 2) I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.
 - 3) I will not talk to others about this incident.
 - 4) I will not let this incident stand between us and hinder our personal relationship.
- Which of these promises do you find the hardest to keep/live out?

PRAYER FOCUS

- 1) Thank God for His forgiveness that has made us completely new, and has freed us to forgive others in our life.
- 2) Reflect and ask The Holy Spirit to reveal to you where forgiveness and reconciliation still need to take place in your life.
- 3) Ask God for His very own forgiveness to flow through you and to empower you to forgive others as Corrie Ten Boom prayed. He does not just give the command to forgive, He also supplies us with His love to do so.