

**FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**  
**(Questions Week Five - Why Should I Forgive?)**

1. Is there anything specific from this message that the Lord has impressed upon your heart?  
If so, what is it & how do you feel the Lord calling you to respond?

2. Have either of the following misconceptions of forgiveness ever prevented you from extending forgiveness?

Forgiveness does NOT mean:

1. That the sin was okay, right, or justified.

*God mercifully justifies sinners NOT sin!*

2. That there will be no consequences.

*We can be forgiven with consequences!*

Why is it important for us to know that forgiveness doesn't make the sin okay OR mean that there may still be consequences?

How does this help us to extend forgiveness while also having the freedom to remove ourselves from toxic situations?

3. Read the following verses: Luke 17:3-4, Ephesians 4:31-32, Colossians 3:12-13.

How do these verses reveal the command of God to forgive others who are in the Body of Christ?

How does understanding God's character help us to be more willing to obey His commands in general, & specifically to forgive?

4. Why is it so important to keep the Gospel ever before us?

How does remembering the truth of the Gospel compel, motivate, and empower us to be able to forgive?

Read Matthew 18:15-35 & Mark 11:25 - how do these help to illustrate the importance of us extending forgiveness to others?

5. How does forgiveness lead us into freedom?

Consider the forgiveness of God in Christ to you & the freedom of forgiving somebody who's sinned against you?

6. Are there any specific people right now that you've been struggling to forgive?

How might the Lord be leading you to lean into Him for the strength to walk in the freedom that forgiveness can bring?

7. Below are the "Today's Takeaways" from the end of the sermon.

Do any of these particularly help to motivate you to forgive others?

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1. God commands it!

2. Jesus did (& does) it!

3. You've received it!

4. There is freedom in it!