



# COMMUNITY GUIDE

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## WEEKLY APPLICATION

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**TAKEAWAY:** Forgiveness is giving others what God gave us in Christ.

**HEAD CHANGE:** Forgiveness may not set the offender free, but it will always set you free.

**HEART CHANGE:** God tells you to forgive because He loves you that much.

**LIFE CHANGE:** Forgive and experience the freedom you desire, and that God planned for.

## OVERVIEW

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Sometimes, the past does not stay in the past. We end up carrying painful moments with us, allowing them to weigh us down. When we hold on to those painful moments and difficult mistakes, it not only weighs us down, but it drastically changes how we live out our day to day lives. It steals away from our potential to be our best selves. But you don't have to keep holding on to the pain from your past. Forgiveness is powerful. It allows us to experience the freedom that God intended for us to live in. It is the moments when we confess our sins and give our pains over to God, that we truly learn how to finally let go.

*"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."*

-1 John 1:9 (NLT)-

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What stood out to you the most in this teaching? Why do think that resonated with you?
2. How would you describe your relationship with forgiveness?
3. Are you currently wrestling with a betrayal? What would it look like for you to extend forgiveness in that situation? What are some ways you can forgive and still set boundaries?
4. Do you know someone struggling with a betrayal? How can you encourage them to find freedom in forgiveness?

## CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Heavenly Father, thank you for the forgiveness you have offered each of us. Help us never to forget the love you have shown us. Give us the faith we need to extend that same love to others through forgiveness. In Jesus' name, amen.

**IN THIS TOGETHER!**