



SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY
Message: The Blessing of Forgiveness
 Ephesians 1:7-8 | Oct 13, 2024



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does the Bible teach about forgiveness and trespasses?

2. How is it connected to the blessing of redemption?

3. What is expected of us as a redeemed and forgiven community of believers?

4. How does a lack of forgiveness reveal our hearts?

5. Why is the act of unforgiveness so serious that in Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus says that if we don't forgive others, God will not forgive us?

6. How can unforgiveness hold a person prisoner long after the offense is committed?

7. How does forgiveness have less to do with the perpetrator and more to do with the victim?

DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What steps should you take to begin the healing process?

2. How far are you willing to go to forgive others?

3. How might the original hurt by the perpetrator be causing bitterness and resentment in you?

4. Are you hurting because you have not forgiven someone or do you want them to be hurt?

USE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR INDUCTIVE BIBLE STUDY - OBSERVATION, INTERPRETATION, APPLICATION (biblegateway.com)
 Make observations of a passage and draw conclusions from those observations.

- **Who** - who is speaking; who is the intended audience; who is present in the moment, etc.
- **What** - what is the passage about; what problem is addressed; what happens; what is being said; what commands need to be obeyed, etc.
- **When** - when is this event taking place?
- **Where** - where is this event taking place, where does it fit in the larger context of the book and Scripture?
- **Why** - why is this message needed, why is it relevant today?
- **How** - how does this change what I know about God and humanity; how do I apply this to my life so that I can follow Jesus more faithfully?