

Relationships - Making the Ideal Real

A Culture of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:30-32, 1 Peter 2:21-25

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Why forgiveness?

- **Forgiveness is central to our faith.** (Eph 1:7, Isa 1:18; 55:7, Ps 103:10-14, Acts 10:43, Rom 8:1, Col 1:13-14; 2:13-15, 1 Pet 23:17-18; 2:21-25)
- **Forgiveness is central to relationships.**

What forgiveness is not.

- **Forgiveness is not removal of consequences.**
- **Forgiveness is not instant reconciliation/restoration.**
- **Forgiveness is not a one-time act.**
- **Forgiveness is not easy.**

What forgiveness is.

- **Forgiveness is the decision to give up your right to revenge (choosing to suffer like Christ).**
- **Forgiveness is the key to healing (for you, your family, your culture).**
- **Forgiveness is supernatural.**

Wrap

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is the topic of forgiveness so hard?
2. How can cultivating a culture of forgiveness be healing to the one who has been harmed?
3. How are reconciliation and forgiveness different? Why is the difference important? What role does repentance play?
4. What would God have you do with this study?

Today's Worship Songs:

As for Me and My House

Let the Redeemed

There Is a Fountain

What He's Done

God and King

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