

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

GETTING OVER IT WEEK 3

While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to southeastchristian.org to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!

Do you have a favorite story of forgiveness? Whether personal or public, fictional or non-fictional, what's an example of forgiveness that resonates with you? How does this story of forgiveness echo the forgiveness we have received in Christ?

Read Colossians 3:12-15. What does Paul say about forgiveness in this passage? What reason does he give for us to forgive the people around us? How do the other commands in this passage complement his words on forgiveness? How is forgiveness a crucial part of living in a community like the one Paul describes?

Several New Testament passages remind us that we forgive because we have been forgiven. If you had to guess, how many times would you say God has forgiven you? Can you imagine forgiving another person that often? What keeps us from extending to others the same level of grace we have received in Christ?

Kyle said, "Reconciliation requires both forgiveness from the offended and repentance from the offender." Why are both of these necessary? What happens if the offended is unwilling to forgive? What happens if the offender is unwilling to repent? How should we respond as believers when we find ourselves in either of these situations?

How does extending forgiveness actually end up freeing us? When we release others from how they've wronged us, how does that bring us release and relief? What would it look like for us to extend "Level 3" forgiveness Jesus has given us to the people in our own lives?

As you close, read Colossians 1:21-22. How thoroughly has Jesus reconciled us to the Father? What did that forgiveness cost? Why does forgiveness always carry a cost? Close your time together by praying and thanking God for the reconciliation we have in Christ.