



LIFE GROUP NOTES

Week Beginning: 5th November 2023



Luke 17:1-10 The Peace Process

Warm Up

As a teacher I used to play a game called "Would you forgive?" I related a series of scenarios and asked if the students would forgive and why. There was always a point where they stopped forgiving. Where is your point of no return? Where you would stop forgiving?

Background and context

This passage comes at the end of a series of teachings about living in the world and how our actions will be judged. In the passage we are warned about causing others to stumble but also told to be forgiving. Not just with limited forgiveness but unlimited. The passage ends with a parable that explains that unlimited forgiveness is the duty of all believers!

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ LUKE 17:1-10. *What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.*

1. Why did the disciples find Jesus teaching on forgiveness a challenge?
2. What is the consequence of causing a person to stumble or sin?
3. Why is forgiveness key in preventing you or another from stumbling?
4. Read Mark 11:25. Why should we forgive those who don't seek our forgiveness?
5. Read Matthew 18:27. Jesus sums up forgiveness. What are the three steps He describes of true forgiveness?
6. What is the difference between surface forgiveness and forgiveness from the heart?
7. How is repentance a sign that forgiveness has been received?
8. How does forgiveness defeat evil?
9. Why is faith in Jesus the key to forgiveness?
10. What does it mean for a Christian who maintains an attitude of unforgiveness towards another person?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



11. Share a testimony, if you are able, about a personal example of forgiveness.
12. Why is unforgiveness so dangerous; individually and for a family, nation etc?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.