

A God Who Asks Me to Forgive

Small Group Questions

Getting to know you question:

1. When have you seen extraordinary forgiveness demonstrated?

Sermon reflection questions:

2. List a couple of points that you enjoyed from this week's sermon?

Into the Bible: Jonah 3:10-4:5

God is forgiving and wants (actually requires) us to be forgiving—but it's just hard. The very fact that we would forgive someone means we have been injured, insulted, dismissed, or offended. So what gives?

3. Write a definition of forgiveness based on Isaiah 1:18 & Psalm 103:12.
4. Second Corinthians 5:19 tells us that God is “reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.” What would you add to your definition of forgiveness based on this verse?
5. How does forgiveness without consequence violate your sense of justice?

6. So, why do we need to forgive at all? What is our motivation for forgiving? (Ephesians 4:32)

7. Is the idea of to “forgive and forget” realistic?

8. Are some things or some people harder for you to forgive than others? What makes the difference?

9. Since all our sins are forgiven in Christ, why do you think God requires us to forgive and uses such strong language to enforce it? (Matthew 6:14-15, Mark 11:25)

10. What do we do if people keep pulling the same stunt over and over? What is your recommendation for on-going forgiveness? (Matt 18:20-22, Luke 17:3-4)

11. What is the difference between forgiveness and trust? Should everyone who is forgiven be trusted?

Application:

12. Who do you need to forgive today and how will you go about doing it?