



Growth Group Homework and Discussion Questions

For the Week of November 1-7, 2009
"Losing the Weight of Unforgiveness"

Homework:

Before your Growth Group meets, take about 20 minutes on your own to complete the following...

- Read Psalm 103
- Spend a few moments reflecting on God's forgiveness of your sins. What does Psalm 103 tell you about how God deals with your sin?
- What is one phrase from Psalm 103 that makes you most grateful to God for His forgiveness?

Growth Group Discussion Questions:

The following questions are to be discussed when your Growth Group meets this week.

My Story:

1. Tell the group what's been happening in your life lately using the following categories: something old, something new, something happy, or something blue.

Digging Deeper:

Read Matthew 18:21-35

1. Are you surprised at the reaction of the forgiven servant? Why or why not?
2. What happened here – did the forgiven servant just have a temporary memory lapse? Was the forgiven servant legally wrong to demand payment? If not, what is the problem with his reaction?
3. What might our church look like if everyone acted the way the forgiven servant did after he left the king's presence? What might our church look like if we all practiced the example of the forgiving king?
4. React and respond to this statement: "Those who refuse to forgive others find themselves incarcerated in the prison of bitterness more securely than those whom they would imprison through unforgiveness."
5. In your opinion, how does a lack of forgiveness toward others betray God's forgiveness shown to us?

Living It:

1. Why is it sometimes hard to forgive?
2. Do you struggle more with forgiving the everyday smaller offenses or the larger, devastating offenses? Why?
3. Pastor Larry said that forgiveness is a decision, not an emotion. Have you every chosen to forgive someone even though you didn't feel like it? What was the result of that decision?
4. Who do you need to forgive? What have you learned from this week's message and discussion that will help you to forgive them?