

Text: 2 Samuel 19:9-30
Topic: Forgiveness
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How to Forgive

The Key to Survival on an Imperfect Planet

1. Make _____ (vv.9-15)

2. Fully _____ (vv.16-23)

3. Never _____ (vv.24-30)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Successfully and thoroughly forgiving someone who has wronged you is difficult work. Many forgo the hard work and settle for something less than genuine forgiveness. Based on what you've learned about biblical and authentic forgiveness, list some inferior substitutes that often pass for the real thing.

Describe a situation in which you chose a cheap substitute and explain how your alternative ultimately failed to adequately resolve the problem in your relationship.

2. What are some excuses you have used to avoid the pursuit and initiation of reconciliation?

Imagine our plight had God opted for one of those. Write out a prayer that expresses your thanks to God for taking the initiative to reconcile with people who have offended him.

3. Have you ever forgiven a financial debt of someone who owed you money? If you have, describe the feelings associated with doing it. If not, imagine what it would feel like, especially if it was a large sum of money. Describe both the positive and negative feelings and thoughts that go with doing such a thing.

How do those feelings differ from simply giving someone a significant amount of money who did not owe you anything?

4. Think of a situation in which someone (other than God) forgave you of a significant wrong. How does your memory of that act of grace motivate you to forgive?
5. If there is currently a situation that you know requires you to actively and thoroughly forgive, and you have not yet done it, then write out a plan (action steps and a timetable) for seeking reconciliation with that person.

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule...

Sunday

2Sam.4-6 & Rom.4

Monday

2Sam.7-8 & Rom.5

Tuesday

2Sam.9-11 & Rom.6

Wednesday

2Sam.12-14 & Rom.7

Thursday

2Sam.15-16 & Rom.8

Friday

2Sam.17-18 & Rom.9

Saturday

2Sam.19-20 & Rom.10