



WEEK FEB 7-13

MAIN IDEA

We've been forgiven by the King in order to forgive like the King.

CHECK IN (HIGHS & LOWS) 15 min

A great, quick way to catch the highlights of what is happening in the lives of the people in your group is to take turns quickly sharing the "highs & lows" of your week. High: What was the highlight of your week? Low: What was the low point of your week?

SETTLE IN (ICE BREAKER) 10 min

1. Before we begin today's discussion, let's begin by going before the Lord in prayer. Say the Lord's Prayer together (found in Matthew 6:9-13) and then have two people pray for your time together.
2. How has your devotional time been going? What is something God has shown you over the past week?

LOOK IN (OBSERVATION) 15 min

1. Read Matthew 6:12, 14-15. How is Jesus instructing us to pray when it comes to forgiveness? How important does that seem to be for Christ-followers?
2. Read Matthew 18:15-20. What are the steps given by Jesus when someone sins against us?

3. Read Matthew 18:21-22. What is Jesus saying about forgiveness?
4. Read Matthew 18:23-35. What sticks out to you about this story?

LOOK UP (UNDERSTANDING) 20 min

1. Why is forgiveness between people such a big deal to God?
2. Do you think of yourself as having a great debt against God? Why or why not?
3. Do you sometimes take the forgiveness of God for granted?
4. How seriously do you take the command to forgive others?

GEAR UP (APPLICATION) 20 min

1. Unforgiveness is like carrying around a weight. We might try to ignore it, but it impacts other areas of our lives and our overall well-being. Is there someone you've been harboring unforgiveness toward? You don't have to go into the details of what happened, but it's a good step to acknowledge any area where you need to start the process of forgiveness.
2. What's a step toward forgiveness you could attempt to make this week?

STEP UP (HOMEWORK) 5 min

1. Experiences: When's your next experience (prayer, serve, etc.). Does everyone know the date and time?
2. 21 Days of Prayer: This is our last week of church wide prayer. Use the prayer guide provided by the church to spend daily time in prayer.
3. Keep pursuing devotional time with God. If you can do a Bible reading plan or devotional together you'll have more to talk about together.