



VALLEY REAL LIFE

You. Me. We. | What Forgiveness Really Is

Last Week

How did you apply last week's lesson on the passive vs. controlling spouse? Who did you share the lesson with?

Opener

Have you witnessed forgiveness that you couldn't understand or feel like you couldn't have done yourself?

Questions

In the sermon, we learn what Forgiveness is not (not forgetting, not waiting, not reconciliation, not just saying I forgive you, not a feeling, not condoning the act, and does not make you a doormat). Of these, which surprised you or which of these is hard for you to accept?

Is it difficult to think of forgiveness as a characteristic instead of just being an action? What makes forgiveness difficult for you?

What about forgiveness is good for us? Why does Jesus expect you to forgive others?

Did the lesson remind you of anyone you need to apologize to or forgive that perhaps you have been avoiding or unable?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!"

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray