



# The Lord's Prayer

## SESSION 3: THEIR FORGIVENESS - GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### GET STARTED

- This week, we are talking about the “their forgiveness” portion of the Lord’s Prayer. The word forgiveness can bring to mind so much for us. From hurts to restoration, forgiveness can call to mind a variety of emotions that span both positive and negative. What immediately comes to mind when you hear the word forgiveness?
- How do we see forgiveness play out in the world? On social media? In the news?

### TAKE IT IN

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon this week? Why?

### TALK IT OVER

#### Read Matthew 6:14-15

- Sometimes we view forgiveness in this way; we will only forgive someone if they say sorry first. This implies that forgiveness is ONLY between you and the person who has offended or wronged you. Based on this verse, who else do we need to consider when it comes to forgiveness?

#### Read Matthew 18:21-35

- In this parable, who is in the wrong and why?
- Jesus is using this parable to show how forgiving we should be. What number does he give to show this?
- This parable also shows that sometimes grace and mercy are required in order to forgive someone. Is grace and mercy something that you have struggled to show others when they need it? Has someone else struggled to show you grace and mercy when you needed it?
- Why does God want us to freely forgive others?
- There is a saying that goes “forgive and forget”. HOWEVER, forgiving others does NOT mean forgetting. Forgetting is not mentioned in the Bible. Sometimes very unhealthy



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things happen and it is time to end a relationship because of it. You can still forgive them but the relationship must end. This means we can not forget it. We can forgive but not forget. How does this make you view forgiveness?

## Read Psalm 65:3

- We are naturally sinful and sometimes our own sin can feel overwhelming. And yet God still forgives us. God is NOT overwhelmed by our sin. Is there anything that God has forgiven you for BUT you have still not forgiven yourself? If comfortable, discuss what that thing is OR discuss how you can be better at forgiving yourself when God has already forgiven you.

## LIVE IT OUT

- **Act 3:19** says “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.” This week during your own quiet time or right now during group time. Stop, pray and write down anything you need to ask God for forgiveness. How will you rejoice in God’s forgiveness this week?

**Memorize:** “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven” **Luke 6:37 NIV**