

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

We're a family, which means sometimes, we hurt one another. Families have conflict and the church isn't immune to it. We're called to forgive one another. The standard of forgiveness is high. How high? "Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

READ COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

To the best of your ability, describe what it feels like to know you need forgiveness while being uncertain whether or not you'll receive it.

What are some of the scenarios where you have difficulty practicing forgiveness?

Does practicing forgiveness prohibit us from practicing justice? How can we hold these virtues together without diminishing either one?

Paul mentions five virtues in v. 12 before issuing the command in v. 13 to forgive one another. How can these virtues (compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience) equip us to forgive one another?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?

If there is someone in your life you need to reconcile with, take time this week to ask God for compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience with that person. If you're able, reach out sometime over the next few weeks for lunch/coffee to try to clear the air.