Group Prayer Requests

The Lord's Prayer Forgive Us Our Debts Matthew 6:12, 14-15 (678) October 14, 2018

Matthew 6:14-15

• Forgiveness (Ephesians 1:7)

Someone who will _____ forgive or has no _____

to forgive has not ______ the forgiveness of God.

P _____ Forgiveness (I John 1:9)

Don't expect God to give the ______ to your relationship with Him if you are unwilling to ______ a relationship with someone else through forgiveness.

Biblical Forgiveness

• Biblical forgiveness is displayed in the ______ to forgive.

Biblical forgiveness is completing the transaction to forgive with an awareness of the ______.

Matthew 18:21-35

Only _____ can forgive someone for all their sins,

but you can forgive them for the ones committed against

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Final Thoughts

Symptoms of an unforgiving spirit

• You are easily _____.

• You have a tendency to hold _____.

• You _____ past offenses to harm and

discourage the offender.

Discussion Guide

<u>Getting Started</u> *What is the hardest thing about forgiveness?*

What are some of the hardest offenses to forgive?

What does the phrase "Forgive and Forget" mean to you?

What are some other symptoms of having an unforgiving spirit?

<u>Read Matthew 6:14-15</u> *How valid is the lack of practicing forgiveness as a test of someone's genuine salvation?*

<u>Read Acts 3:19</u> What does this passage tell us about how God approaches forgiveness? What is the difference between being ready to forgive someone and not granting forgiving unless they ask? Are they both Biblical?

<u>Read II Samuel 12:1-15</u> What does this passage tell us about sin, forgiveness, and consequences?

Read Matthew 5:39

Does this passage support continual forgiveness without holding people accountable? Why or why not?

Read Matthew 18:21-22

Forgiveness needs to be a constant attitude not just an occasional act. If you followed this principle, how would it change your life?

Read I Corinthians 13:5

As a follower of Jesus, we are not to keep a record of wrongs. How does keeping score affect our ability to forgive?

Why do you think Jesus included forgiveness in the Lord's Prayer?