

Friending
Week 4 - Forgiveness?!
Sunday, September 30
Pastor Scott Savage

A Miracle in the Pain...

"Forgiveness is a miracle and creates space for God to unleash revival."
-Jon Randles

Definition: Forgiveness is _____ what happened and moving forward without _____ on the one who hurt you.

" _____ concerns the past, _____ concerns the present, and _____ concerns the future." -Dr. Henry Cloud

4 Barriers to Forgiveness

Passages: Acts 12:25, 13:13, 15:36-40; 2 Timothy 4:11

2 Truths About Forgiveness

1. The state of our relationship with _____ is always reflected in our relationship with _____. (Matt. 18:21-35)
2. _____ stifles the movement of God in our lives. (Eph. 4:26-27, 30)

Processing Questions...

- Who am I struggling to forgive?
- What is my next step?
- What is getting in the way?

"Based upon what I heard God saying to me today, I will _____."

Discussion Questions:

- What is your biggest challenge when it comes to forgiveness?
- How has your forgiveness of others or your struggle to forgive impacted your current friendships?
- Pastor Scott shared a quote from Dr. Henry Cloud. "Forgiveness concerns the past, reconciliation concerns the present, and trust concerns the future." How does separating those three actions impact your openness to or willingness to forgive?
- Re-read Matthew 18:21-35. According to Jesus, what is the connection between experiencing forgiveness and forgiving others? What does this mean for those of us who struggle to forgive ourselves?
- Read Ephesians 4:26-27, 30. How does unforgiveness stifle the Holy Spirit's work in our lives? Have you ever experienced this personally? If so, please share your experience with the group.
- What stuck out to you from the interview Pastor Scott conducted at the end of his message?
- At the end of the message, there was a sentence we were encouraged to complete. What did you write down?

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