

+eastridge church

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

VERTICAL

STARTING JAN 13

**AN 8-WEEK MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
THROUGH THE LORD'S PRAYER**

SESSION SIX:

**FORGIVING –
“FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE...”**

SESSION SIX TEACHING NOTES

1. What Does it Mean to “Forgive?”

- *Aphiemi* = “To release; to hurl something as far away as possible”
- Forgiveness is not a _____, it is a _____
I will not bring the matter up to _____
I will not bring the matter up to _____
I will not bring the matter up to _____
- Forgiveness doesn't mean there won't be _____

2. Why Should I Forgive?

- Because I want to be _____
- Because when I forgive I am most like _____
- Because I am _____ to forgive
- Because whoever has offended me has _____

- Because if I don't forgive, I will lose _____ with other Christians

- **Because if I don't forgive, I will face God's _____**
- **Because if I don't forgive, it makes me unfit for _____**
- **Because it frees me to live an _____ life**

SESSION SIX GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

CONNECT

1. What is your earliest memory of having to ask for forgiveness?
2. What do you think is more difficult – to receive God's forgiveness or to give forgiveness to others? Why?

GROW

Read Matthew 6:12-15

1. Why do you think the phrase “as we forgive everyone who sins against us” in Matthew 6:12 is the only phrase that Jesus further explains in Matthew 6:14-15?

Read Matthew 6:14-15 and Mark 11:25

1. Describe the importance of grace and forgiving others. What are the ramifications for our lack of grace and forgiveness of others?

Read Romans 3:24; Romans 11:6; Ephesians 2:4-9; and Titus 2:11

1. How do these passages show God's free gift of grace to be integral to our forgiveness and salvation?

Read Luke 17:3-4; Ephesians 4:31-32; and Colossians 3:13

1. What do these verses say about forgiveness? How are grace and forgiveness related?
2. How do you know that you've actually forgiven someone? What attitude do you have in your heart toward someone you've given grace to and forgiven?
3. Why do you think giving grace and forgiveness to both others and ourselves is so difficult?

SESSION SIX GROUP PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

