Week 8 LIFE Group Study – How to Become a Great Forgiver

Checking In

Check in about how this series has been resonating with the group. Think of a time when you had been undeservedly forgiven.

Memory Verse

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

Romans 8:37

Discovery Questions

- "Hurt people, hurt people" Sometimes intentionally, sometimes not intentionally. Regardless the pain is real. Do you remember a time when you had been hurt and found it difficult to forgive the offense? Would you be willing to share with the group?
- How did you deal with a hurt in the past? Did you seek a path of forgiveness and reconciliation or did you harbor it for some time? What was the result in either case?
- What does walking in His light mean? How does walking in Jesus light encourage you to seek or give forgiveness?

Putting It Into Practice

Each week Pastor Scott will challenge you to put into practice what you are learning. These challenges will help you take the concepts we are learning deeper into your life and help you with your own personal hope. This week Pastor Scott challenges us to:

1. Use the biblical way of reconciliation Matthew 18:15-20. Study this passage, really absorb it, and consider where this could be used in your life this week. It might be just having the tool present in your mind should the opportunity arise to use it. It is always done in love and not used as a big stick.

2. Reread 2 Corinthians 9:13

In what ways have you seen God glorified through your giving? What is your motivation for giving? How are stewardship and spiritual growth connected for you and how can you demonstrate that in tangible ways this week?

3. Bear each other burdens

Who needs you to walk alongside them in their time of burden. Not to fix or be the counselor but to be present. Keep a watchful eye out for that person, do not delay and go to it as an act of grace and mercy, glorifying Christ.

Prayer Time

Pray for those that are burdened today. Not only those you know but also those you do not. The world is full of burden these days and in need your intercession. Pray as a group.

TIP: This is a great time to use the popcorn approach and let those pray who feel led to do so.