

# ONE ANOTHERING

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## FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We love one another by being \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God allows difficult people in my life to show them what \_\_\_\_\_ is like.**

*<sup>10</sup>Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup>in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)

**Unforgiveness is one of \_\_\_\_\_ schemes.**

*<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

*<sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. <sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**Be kind and compassionate to one another, \_\_\_\_\_ each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32 (NIV)**

\_\_\_\_\_ requires me to \_\_\_\_\_ because God forgave me.

**Withholding forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Ephesians 1:7-8 (NIV)

**Withholding forgiveness is rejecting that Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ on the cross is \_\_\_\_\_ for sin.**

1 Peter 2:22-24 (NIV)

**Withholding forgiveness is denying that God's \_\_\_\_\_ is greater than sin.**

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV)

**Withholding forgiveness is denying that God is \_\_\_\_\_.**

Romans 3:23-25 (NIV)

**Withholding forgiveness reveals my \_\_\_\_\_.**

### HOW TO WALK IN FORGIVENESS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ that "in Jesus being given for me, God has forgiven all of my sins."
2. \_\_\_\_\_ the wrong and \_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. Accept \_\_\_\_\_ payment for the wrong done against me.
4. Give the \_\_\_\_\_ of not \_\_\_\_\_ others' sins against me.

**The resurrection of Jesus proves the one who \_\_\_\_\_ has the most \_\_\_\_\_.**

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## MY NOTES



### TEACHING SUMMARY:

We all have difficult people in our lives. These difficult people reveal how much like Jesus we really are. God also uses difficult people to make us more like Jesus. Jesus said we are to love others—even difficult “others”—the way He has loved us. This means we have to forgive them.

One of the ways our adversary keeps us from becoming like Jesus is by making us believe it’s okay to withhold forgiveness.

We cannot follow Jesus, receive His forgiveness, and not forgive others. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Ephesus and said you are to forgive “each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”

Forgiving others isn’t easy. It’s sacrificial and has to be walked out in the same way God has forgiven you.

### TALK IT OVER:

What part of this teaching was most meaningful to you? Why?

It was said in the teaching, “forgiving is hard because we want the other person to pay.” Have you seen this is to be

true about people? If so, how?

Have you been forgiven by someone (other than Jesus) where they didn’t make you pay it back or make up for what happened? How did that impact you?

Why do you think it is important to name the wrong and disapprove it when you forgive someone else?

When do you think it is appropriate to let someone know you forgive them? When do you not need to verbally tell someone “I forgive you.”

There are four parts to walking out forgiveness. Which one is the hardest for you? Why?

Is there a next step you need to take today?

How can others in your group pray for you?

### FURTHER READING:

Day 1: Romans 6:5-14

Day 3: Matthew 6:12,14-15

Day 5: Matthew 18:21-35

Day 2: Ephesians 4:22-24

Day 4: Matthew 18:15-17

Day 7: Luke 17:1-4