

Forgiveness is for Believers

Week 4 Study Questions- Forgiveness is Definitely for Believers

Our world views forgiveness as a sign of weakness and seeks revenge instead.

1. How do you view forgiveness?

We looked at examples of forgiveness in the accounts of Joseph (Gen 45:4-8), Philemon, and the parables of the prodigal son (Luke 15:11-24) and the indebted slave (Matt 18:21-35).

2. Which of these examples is most helpful as you strive to forgive? Explain.

If you refuse to dwell on an offense, emotions of bitterness and vengeance will be starved. Remember, forgiveness is a promise not to remember one's sin by bringing them up to him/her, to others, or to yourself.

3. When a past offense comes to mind, what can you do to NOT remember it?

Unforgiveness has ill-effects. Families, marriages and fellowship can suffer.

4. Are you struggling or unable to forgive an offense? What steps can you take to be obedient to the command in Colossians 3:13?

5. List one or more practical applications from this study you will use to help you with unforgiveness.

There is fruit in forgiveness.

6. What fruit have you experienced from having a forgiving spirit?

7. What have you learned about forgiveness that you were unaware of before this study?