



FORGIVENESS means FORGETTING
Colossians 3:13

~Life Group Questions~

1. What principles or insights from Sunday's sermon did you find to be...
 - a. most helpful
 - b. most challenging
 - c. most troubling
 - d. Why?

2. The purpose of our current sermon series is to unveil certain spiritual myths. A spiritual myth is much like a secular myth. It is a belief, story, or assumption that gets passed around as fact. Discuss the following assertion concerning spiritual myths. Do you feel it is over or understated?

A spiritual myth is not simply a harmless misunderstanding, it is a dangerous error that will eventually bring heartache and disillusionment to all who trust in them.

3. Before hearing Sunday morning's sermon, how would you have responded to the statement, "forgiveness means forgetting?"

- a. Would you have agreed or disagreed?
- b. Why?

4. Pastor Kurt shared the story of Lisa's dilemma of not being able to forgive her unfaithful ex-husband or her grandfather who sexually abused her because she could not forget the hurt their actions had caused in her life. Have you ever been in a situation like Lisa's where forgiveness seemed almost impossible to offer to someone?

- a. If so, how did that impact your walk with God and your own experience of forgiveness?
- b. If not, have you seen someone else impacted by their inability or unwillingness to forgive? How did it impact their walk with God? What biblical advice would you offer such a person?

5. In the sermon Pastor Kurt pointed out that the words forget and remember mostly refer to our ability to mentally recall something. However, in the Bible they refer either to God's action or inaction towards humanities deeds and misdeeds. Do you feel this accurately portrays what the Bible teaches?

a. If not, why not?

b. If so, how does this impact the way you should personally forgive others.

6. God's forgiveness doesn't always (or often) remove all the earthly consequences of our sin. This is clearly demonstrated in David's sin with Bathsheba. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-20 and record what you learn from this story concerning sin, forgiveness and consequences. As you work through this story, look not only for the obvious but also for the subtle implications you might find.

7. Read Colossians 3:12-13 below. When you remember all that God has forgiven you, how does that help you forgive others? If you are struggling with the issue of forgiveness, sometime this coming week spend a few moments with Jesus asking Him to freshly reveal to your heart all that you have been forgiven of.