

Luke 6:27-38 /// Week of September 17

Today's big idea: Forgiving gives us Life Again.

This intro question can go a lot of ways. It could be an accomplishment like finishing a race, or medical issue like recovery from surgery, or relational like divorce.

- Share with the group something hard you have done in your life.
- Review the Community Group Guidelines together.
- Someone pray that God would help us hear from him.

Head

Because this is a “teaching” of Jesus it may be difficult to use storytelling. If you prefer you can read the text multiple times from multiple translations.

- Use the Bible Storytelling technique to tell the story of Jesus teaching on forgiveness.
- Retell the story together as a group.
- Read the story from Luke 6:27-38 in the Bible.
- What is the connection between loving your enemies and forgiveness?
- Many times verse 38 is used regarding finances. According to the context, what is the truth from this verse?

Heart

This may be really difficult for some group members. Be prepared to model transparency and vulnerability. As you show that you will trust your group they will learn that they can also trust you.

- Talk about a time in which you struggled to forgive someone. What directed your thoughts, feelings and actions during that time?
- Why would God ask and demand us to carry out this very hard thing? What are the benefits of it?

Hands

Allow for some pause here. Group members will not be quick to answer. If no one shares feel free to go to the second question. It is always more comfortable for people to talk about helping others than taking steps themselves.

- Is there anyone that you need to forgive currently? What step can you take toward that forgiveness?
- How can you help others process unforgiveness and take steps of faith with Jesus?
- Pray for one another and for those who have caused hurt in our lives.

Next Week

- Life Again through Truth
- John 8:31-47