

HARD QUESTIONS

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MESSAGE RECAP

Let's start with the hard stuff up front.

C. S. Lewis is right, "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea until they have something to forgive." On one level, it is very simple, at least in theory. "Forgive as you have been forgiven," Jesus says. But it is difficult to do. Most people are not good at it, which explains why Jesus teaches so much on the subject. And add to it there are lots of questions that just make it harder.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
3. Read [Matthew 18:21-22](#). Why does Peter's initial question appear generous?
4. What does Jesus' answer (vs. 22) communicate to Peter? What kind of window does Jesus' answer give us into the heart of God?
5. Talk about the difference between a decision vs. a feeling. Why is forgiveness more of a decision than a feeling?
6. There are a number of things that Jonathon mentioned that Forgiveness is NOT (a Feeling, Excusing, Forgetting, Reconciling). Talk about each of those. Is there anything you would add?
7. We don't forgive because they deserve it. We forgive because we're forgiven people. Is there something that's freeing about that? Difficult?

PRAY

End your group time in prayer.