

# HARD WORK

Northland 27th, 2022

## MESSAGE RECAP

Forgiveness is tough! Really tough! There are more questions and thoughts around this subject than one series can cover. In the end, it will take hard work. Keep working at it. Start by praying. Dr. Frank Desiderio says; “There is a relationship between the size of the hurt and how long I have to pray about something.” Like a job that requires 40hrs a week you may need to hours towards this. Don’t quit. Don’t give up! Living with unforgiveness is much more difficult and harmful than learning to forgive. Go to work this week praying for forgiveness.

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. How are you...really?
2. After listening to the series on forgiveness, what stood out to you? What has been the most helpful? What was been the most difficult? Why?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 2:9-11 and talk through different ideas and warnings.
4. Dave talked through the differences between conditional forgiveness and unconditional forgiveness. Why is this important to clarify? How does it help?
5. Process through each of the 4 Stages of Praying through forgiveness.
  - a. Stage 1: Pray With Brutal Honesty (Psalm 22:1)
  - b. Stage 2: Pray They Get What They Deserve (aka..Justice: Psalm 5:8-12)
  - c. Stage 3 Pray They Get What They Need (Jesus) (1 Peter 3:9)
  - d. Pray for Spirit-Filled Healing (Galatians 5:22)
6. Finally: Take time to talk and pray openly in your group at a personal level. Be honest with one another, pray through hurts, and pain. Close with prayer!