

Relationships — Week Four

Main Idea

If we want to have healthy relationships, we need to forgive others the way Jesus has forgiven us.

Starter

What relationship in your life do you experience the most joy through? Why?

Discuss

Have you ever experienced forgiveness from someone in a specific way? What happened and how did that impact you?

Scripture

Read [Matthew 18:23-35](#) and discuss:

1. What is most encouraging and challenging to you about this parable?
2. How does it impact you to know that Jesus has forgiven you? Is there any way you struggle to receive forgiveness from Him?
3. What would it look like for you to give the gift of forgiveness more freely to others in your life?

Read [Ephesians 4:31-32](#) and discuss:

1. What does this passage say we need to “get rid of” to have healthier relationships?
2. Is there anything you need to let go of to love others like Jesus?

Apply

Have everyone take a few minutes to pray and ask God:

- What is one way you need to receive forgiveness from Jesus?
- What is one way you need to give forgiveness more freely to someone else?

Depending on time, either break up into groups of 2-3 or share with the group what God puts on your heart. Pray for each other as the Holy Spirit leads.

*****Leaders, if people in your group need more help with their relationships, here are a few classes that are starting soon that can help them go deeper, grow healthier, and find support.*

- [ReEngage](#): A 9-week group to develop a stronger, Biblical foundation of marriage.
- [Mend](#): a 10-week group focused on healing from sexual abuse and trauma
- [Grieving with Hope](#): A 5-week group to help you navigate grief and loss.