

Fresh Start
Wk 2
Grace and Forgiveness

Purpose: For students to truly grasp what it means to be forgiven, extended grace and then be willing and able to forgive others.

Passage (s): Psm. 103:12, 1 John 1:9, 1 Peter 4:8

Topic: No one has been through too much or done too much that they cannot be forgiven.

Ricks Devotional: Many times when we look at sin and we either beat ourselves up on how bad it is or we act like it's nothing. It's important that we understand that God truly HATES sin, but also that there's nothing so bad that God will not forgive. We have to understand that although God hates sin, His love for us covers over it. It's only when we refuse to confess and repent that we are judged with our sin. When God extends forgiveness there are no strings attached.

What we see as punishment, God see's as discipline

Forgiveness has no part with retaliation and/or revenge

Forgiveness exist because God loves us, and the sacrifice of Christ proves that.

Christ sacrifice on the cross;

Cleanses our sin

Removes our sin

Small Group:

This will be a rather short lesson, so you'll probably have extra time in small group.

Option A

1. What is your definition of forgiveness, how does it compare to scriptures?
2. Is there any sin too big that God is unable to forgive, anything too small that He doesn't need to forgive?
3. How does God look at your sin once you confess it?

Option B

1. Look up Psm 103:12, Isa. 43:25, Jn. 8:1-11, 1 Jn. 1:9
 - a. Which theme (Not including forgiveness) is repeated more than one time
 - b. According to the verses, what responsibility do we have in seeking forgiveness?