



Big Idea: Forgive from your heart because God poured out his love on the cross.

Who can forgive?

God is a forgiver.

- God covers our sins.
- God doesn't count our sins against us.
- God removes our sins.
- God sweeps away our sins like a morning mist.
- God ends the threat of punishment and wrath.
- God didn't just say, "I forgive you." God put forward Jesus as a sacrifice.

Propitiation: Means of forgiveness, location or place where sins are forgiven.

God's forgiveness is a gracious gift to sinners.

"Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

God offers forgiveness when we don't even know we need it or know what we are doing.

God is a good father that gives abundantly to us.

Who can forgive?

- Union with Jesus makes a way for us to be set free.
- We have been moved from sinners to ambassadors.
- If you are still keeping count, you haven't really forgiven them at all.
- Remember how much you've been forgiven.
- If your heart is open to forgive others, it will be open to receive God's love, grace, and forgiveness.

Memory Verse:

“And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.’” – Luke 23:34a (ESV)

Other Scripture: Romans 4:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:19-20; Psalm 103:12; Isaiah 44:22; Jeremiah 31:34; Romans 3:23-25; James 1:16; Romans 6:6; Matthew 18:21-35; Romans 5:5

Further Study:

Read: Luke 23:33-38 in your group or with at least one other person.

1. Have someone read it while everyone reads along.
2. Have someone else read it while everyone else listens.
3. Have someone recount the text from memory in their own words.

Discuss:

1. What does the passage reveal about God?
2. What does the passage reveal about humanity?

Act:

1. If this passage is from God, what should change about how you live?
2. Who needs to hear the truth of this Scripture that you can share it with this week? Identify a time this week when you might have the opportunity to share with them.