

How We Forgive One Another

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32

THE POINT: **Forgiven people are to be forgiving people.**

7 characteristics mark how you are to forgive:

1. We are to forgive **F** _____ – Matthew 10:8
2. We are to forgive **O** _____ – Luke 23:34
3. We are to forgive **R** _____ – Matthew 18:22
4. We are to forgive **G** _____ – Ephesians 1:7-8
5. We are to forgive **I** _____ – Luke 17:3-5
6. We are to forgive **V** _____ – Matthew 18:35
7. We are to forgive **E** _____ – Psalm 103:12

Response – being 'doers' of the Word (James 1:22):

"Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people....'"
Amos 7:8b – **Adjusting our lives to be aligned with God's Word** – THE plumb line

Scripture text: Ephesians 4:25-32 [NIV]

Questions for personal reflection or small group discussion

1. What commonly keeps people from forgiving one another in the ways described in the message?
2. Which one or two of these descriptive words (adverbs) are the most challenging for you to do?
3. Why are we commonly afraid or at least hesitant to forgive in these ways?
4. When we are hesitant or resistant to forgiving others, what does that possibly show about our own awareness of our need to be forgiven?
5. What are the dangers of refusing to forgive another?
6. What are some of the benefits of forgiving others?

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**From TRUTH through TRACTION to TRANSFORMATION:**

What did God say to you today?

What will you do about it?

With whom will you share this...and when?