



Discussion Gu'de

"how to forgive"

03/14/21

we forgive personally by releasing our bitterness

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point: **Mark 11:25**.*
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Would you rather be able to breathe underwater OR be able to walk on water? Why?
- Read **Mark 11:25**, then discuss Jesus' instructions on bitterness:
 - **Reflect.** Jesus says that we need to look inward to see if we have anything against anyone. Why does He tell us to do this? Read **Colossians 3:13**—how does last week's Point tie into this?
 - **Release.** Jesus says that it is our responsibility to let go of our bitterness. How is this different from the typical way that the world forgives? How does undeserved forgiveness of others benefit *us*?
 - **Receive.** When the Bible mentions forgiving others, often it adds Jesus forgiving us. If we are unable to forgive someone who is undeserving, how does this affect *our* belief that God can forgive us?
- Our culture sees forgiveness as something that is earned or deserved by the *offending/other* party. Discuss what we are to do instead:
 - **Forgive When They Offend** Read **Matthew 6:12, 14-15**.
 - *Who* is to forgive the "debtors"? Are there any exceptions to forgiveness in this verse? What if Jesus forgave *us* with exceptions?
 - **Fix When You Offend**. Read **Matthew 5:23-24**.
 - *Who* is to do the reconciling? What are we to do? From last week's Point, why shouldn't we just expect them to "get over it"?
 - **Let Go of Your Bitterness**. Read **Ephesians 4:31-32**.
 - *Who* is to get rid of bitterness? What is tied to bitterness here?
 - **Look After Their Bitterness**. Read **Hebrews 12:14-15**.
 - *Who* is to watch for others' bitterness? How do we do this?
 - **Do All That You Can!** Read **Romans 12:18**.
 - *Who* is it to seek peace with everyone? How does "if it is *possible*", remove any loopholes for not seeking peace?
- Even though tonight seems like we're getting bashed over the head with our failures, releasing our bitterness is God's desire because it's what's best for us. Which of these is *your* biggest challenge?