



PART 1: FORGIVENESS

INTRODUCTION

Arguably, our last words will be some of our most important and memorable. Last words encapsulate all that we're about--the purpose and mission of our lives. In his final words on the cross, Jesus sums up four of the most important spiritual issues we will ever face.

BIBLE VERSES

Luke 23:33-34

Matthew 18:21-35

Ephesians 4:32

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time when you've been wronged? How did you respond? What's your default response when somebody wrongs you?
2. Pastor Will taught that holding a grudge is like drinking poison hoping somebody else will die. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
3. Describe a time when you've held a grudge. How did that work out for you?
4. Pastor Will said, "We wrongly assume that forgiveness is for the offender only, but it's really God's gift to the offended!" Do you agree or disagree? Why?
5. Which is easier for you: embracing God's forgiveness for you, or forgiving other people?
6. Read Ephesians 4:32. What would it look like for you to treat others just as God has treated you?
7. Who do you need to forgive today?

MOVING FORWARD

When we refuse to embrace God's forgiveness and when we don't forgive others who have wronged us it's like being in a prison cell. The good news is that Jesus offers the only permanent solution for you and those who've hurt you...forgiveness. He offers forgiveness for you and he wants to help you forgive others. Forgiveness is the life-giving key that frees us!