



PRAYSTRONG

Receive the Papa's Forgiveness

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1. Open in prayer.
 - *Prayer isn't about getting things, it's about getting God.*
 - As we've continued through this series, what does this statement mean to you?

2. Read Matthew 6:7-13.
 - *The Lord's Prayer forms us into people who embody the kingdom of God. The Lord's Prayer is a gift.*
 - How do we embody the kingdom of God? What does that look like on a daily basis?
Hint: Upward, Inward, Outward

3. Read the following two statements and discuss how they transform the way we live.
 - *God's purpose for humanity is not about making our dreams come true...it's about bringing His kingdom to earth through His children.*
 - *God is more concerned with our character than our comfort.*

4. Read 1 John 1:9 and Hebrews 8:12 (Upward)
 - Before we can teach about forgiveness, we need to experience forgiveness ourselves. God longs and loves to forgive.
 - According to these scriptures, what has Christ done for us regarding His forgiveness?

5. Read Matthew 6:12, Romans 12:19-20, Matthew 5:44-45a, and Ephesians 4:31-32. (Inward, Outward)
- Through our lives (the Church), Jesus wants to teach our bitter, unforgiving planet, how to forgive.

6. Discuss the following statements. (Apply previous scriptures when applicable)

Forgiveness is...

Terminating the debt owed you
 Taking back your life from the offender
 An act of grace to your offender and yourself
 Abandoning revenge
 Leaving justice in God's hand
 A continual process
 Wanting good for the person who wounded you

Forgiveness is not...

Denying that sin occurred
 Enabling sin to keep occurring
 Focusing on the offender: It's about worshipping Jesus
 Covering the sin committed against you
 Forgetting
 Trust
 Reconciliation

Soul-tattoo: We're a forgiveness-receiving, forgiveness-giving people.
 Receive the Papa's forgiveness and give it away.
 Spend the week studying what forgiveness is and what forgiveness is not.

CALENDAR

Good Friday Services
 Baptism (Easter Weekend)
 Covenant Class
 BECAUSE Campaign

April 18, 6 & 7:30pm at TC 521
 April 19-20
 May 9, 6:30pm
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