

# HOPE DEALERS

OUR HOPE IS IN HIS FORGIVENESS: PART TWO

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**1. Open in prayer with the Lord's Prayer.** Pray that God will use last week's message and this week's message to move people from the hopelessness of unforgiveness to the hope of His forgiveness.

**2. Pastor Paul said, "We need to be reminded that forgiveness isn't figuring out what we can do but accepting what Jesus has already done".** Discuss what that means in light of Christ living in and through us.

Walk through the A.C.T. process with your group:

**3. Admit that you've been wronged.**

**Admit that you've been righted by Christ.**

- Read Matthew 6:12 and Ephesians 1:7-8.
- What happens when we wallow in hurt and unforgiveness?
- What happens when we walk in God's love and forgiveness?

**4. Confess that you've been hurt.**

**Confess that Jesus was hurt so you can heal.**

- Read Isaiah 53:5.
- Unpack Pastor Paul's statement, "Unforgiveness is like an open wound that is open to infection but forgiveness can leave a beautiful scar that reminds us of what Christ has done."

**5. Turn away from bitterness and vengeance.**

**Turn towards Jesus and His love.**

- Read Matthew 5:44 and Colossians 3:13-14.
- How does bitterness and vengeance infest your life? (physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually)
- Marinate on this. "What's true of Jesus is true of us. If Jesus can love His enemies, we can too!"

**6. Encourage each person to forgive who they need to forgive and close in prayer thanking God for our hope we have in His forgiveness.**