



Digging Deeper this week...

BiG iDEa: God invites me to break the cycle of unforgiveness.

Set aside some time throughout this week to read and reflect on what God's word says on the subject from the Bible passages below. Some questions are provided for you or a small group of friends to provide focus for your reflection. Before your start: Breathe, pray, ask the Holy Spirit for help.

Identify

On a scale of 1-10, how difficult is it for you to accept the idea of God's unconditional love (10 being most difficult)? How might your faith and life be different if that number changed?

Read

Scriptures to grow by... Matthew 6:7-15, Mat. 7:1-3; Mark 4:24, Luke 6:38, Ephesians 2:8-10, Eph. 4:29-32, 1 John 1:8-10, Zechariah 3:1-10.

Reflect

1. What words, phrases or ideas stand out to you from the Bible readings you read today? How do these passages help you think about your daily need for forgiveness and God's willing provision of it?
2. How do these words, phrases or ideas connect with your everyday life? What do they lead you to think or to do?
3. On Sunday, Doug said *"we are never as much like Jesus than when we choose to forgive. And we are never as much like Satan as when we don't."* How does this statement help you think about who or what is influencing your willingness to forgive others? What might Jesus want to say to you about this?

Respond

Moving forward...

Rather than thinking about an apology we think is owed to us before we forgive, think on this: *Just how much unforgiveness do you think you can handle before it breaks fellowship with God?* Jesus tells us in the Lord's Prayer that we cannot ask God to give us what we are unwilling to give to someone else. Who might God be asking you to forgive? What might you want to say to Him about it?