

Covered In Dust-Forgivers

Text: Matthew 18:22-32

Purpose: To learn how to make forgiveness a part of our lifestyle and live as forgivers.

Opening Question:

Read and Discuss: Matthew 18:22-32

1. *What makes forgiveness difficult or challenging?*
2. *How does knowing that God forgives us allow us to forgive others? Why?*
3. *How is forgiveness a decision and not a feeling? What does it look like for you to forgive someone?*
4. *Which one of these barriers to forgiveness best describes you?*
 - a. *What they did was a big deal.*
 - b. *I hurt so they must hurt.*
 - c. *I can't trust them.*
 - d. *I can't forget what they have done.*
 - e. *But they haven't apologized.*
 - f. *I don't feel like forgiving.*
5. *Why does practicing forgiveness with small hurts help us to forgive during much larger hurts? What are some small hurts that you forgive people daily/weekly?*
6. *What encouragement do you gain from understanding that forgiveness isn't always a one time act, but something we might have to do a number of times?*
7. *How does unforgiveness hurt you?*
8. *If you are holding on to unforgiveness what is one step you can take toward forgiving that person?*