

# Forgive Us as We Forgive

**Opening Prayer** Heavenly Father, the greatest gift we have received is the forgiveness that You promise to us in Your Son, Jesus. We fall short every day as we give into sin, yet every time we ask You forgive. Help us to always remember that Your forgiveness is free and it is full, and in turn help us to be forgiving. Help us to give what is not deserved to others because we know that we do not deserve what we have received from You. Thank You for Your mercy. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- The question that the Lord's prayer answers is: \_\_\_\_\_?
- What are two other words for the word "trespass": \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_
- So, in light of part of the prayer, how do we live our life? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- If we want to forgive like Jesus did, we need to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ (not partially), \_\_\_\_\_ (no strings attached), and \_\_\_\_\_ (never stop forgiving).
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3:13 says, "As the Lord has \_\_\_\_\_ you, so also you \_\_\_\_\_ forgive."
- Remember: Sunday Morning Crew is talking about forgiveness for the next three weeks!

## What Does This Mean? (Catechism Time)

Time to read some things from the catechism and have a conversation about them as a crew! Turn to page 194. We're looking at question 225 first. Read the question and the full answer (including the quote from the large catechism).

- What do you think about the quote from the Large Catechism? What is it really saying?
- In what ways is this true? How does forgiveness help you to be more confident in prayer?

Now take a look at question 227 on page 195. Read it's answer.

- In what ways does us forgiving others show that we truly believe God has forgiven us?
- In what ways does withholding forgiveness show that we don't truly believe God forgives us?

## This is Most Certainly True (Bible Time)

Turn to Psalm 51:1-10. List below some ways this section of scripture describes forgiveness.

## Questions for Your Crew (*Be sure to write your thoughts!*)

- What makes forgiveness such an important part of the relationships we have?
- Why do you think it is so hard to forgive sometimes?

- We watched three videos in the large group time. Which one stood out the most to you and why?
- In what ways have you experienced the “weight of unforgiveness”? Have you experienced it yourself? Have you seen someone else weighed down by it?
- Why is it hard for some people to believe that they are forgiven fully and freely by God?
- Where do you struggle most when it comes to forgiveness? What questions do you have?

**Seeing Your World Through the Lord’s Prayer**

*Same routine as the past few weeks. Tonight, our goal is to write prayers for each of the things we pray about in light of this reality: that God forgives and He asks us to forgive.*

*In the space below:*

- *Look at each prompt below and think about something in your life in this area that you could pray about.*
- *Then write a prayer specifically focusing on the fact that God forgives and asks us to forgive.*

*Remember, prayer is simply talking with God! That’s it. So just write like you would talk to Him.*

***I would like to pray for this person in my life:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*My prayer:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

***When I think about my life, I want:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*My prayer:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

***I need guidance for:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*My prayer:* \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

***Here’s my challenge to you for this week:*** As you go about this week, remind yourself that God forgives you and He expects you to forgive others. See what words come to mind as you lift up various prayer requests with these thoughts on your mind this week.

**Share Highs and Lows**

**Closing Prayer** Heavenly Father, help us to forgive others as you have forgiven us. You continually love and forgive us even though we sin against You every single day. Help us to continually show love and forgiveness to all those whom we come into contact with. Keep us safe. In Jesus’ name. Amen.