

1. What do you find yourself asking forgiveness for on a regular basis? Speaking out of turn? Disrespecting authority? "Forgive me for speeding, officer"?
2. How is all sin an offense against God? How do all sins end up hurting others as well as ourselves?
3. Read Matthew 6:9-13. What comments, thoughts, or questions do you have after reading the words "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors"?
4. How has God forgiven you? What does that teach you about how you should forgive others?
5. What characteristics of God's forgiveness did you agree or disagree with?
6. What characteristics of what forgiveness is not did you agree or disagree with?
7. How is Jesus' lesson on forgiveness here and in Matthew 6:14-15 also a lesson on hope?
8. How is forgiveness an activity requiring more than just ourselves?
9. As a small group or with a couple of friends, pray for our world to embrace the hope forgiveness offers. Pray that they would receive the hope of God's forgiveness of us and that they would extend forgiveness to each other.

*This is the first petition that causes us to turn and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as we pray to God*

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of It**

Sin is first and foremost active \_\_\_\_\_  
against God

Sin is anything we \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, or  
\_\_\_\_\_ that defies God's standards

**The Forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_**

God's forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_

God's forgiveness is \_\_\_\_\_

God's forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_

God's forgiveness \_\_\_\_\_ us for, and \_\_\_\_\_  
us on, the path of reconciliation

God's forgiveness does not mean the \_\_\_\_\_  
of all consequences

**The Forgiveness of \_\_\_\_\_**

Forgiveness is not:

\_\_\_\_\_ of or \_\_\_\_\_ sin

\_\_\_\_\_ sin

the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

ceasing to feel the \_\_\_\_\_

a \_\_\_\_\_ event

neglecting \_\_\_\_\_

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