



BECOME A PERSON OF FORGIVENESS – PART 1

SUMMARY:

When we have been wronged by someone, it can be difficult to extend forgiveness. We may feel like forgiving the person who offended us means that we are excusing the behavior. But the truth of the matter is that all of us have sinned and fallen short. We are all in need of forgiveness. The good news is that, in Christ, the forgiveness we so desperately need is granted to us.

As a result of being recipients of forgiveness, we now get to be ambassadors of forgiveness in our world. It may feel really difficult, but it is achievable when we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Take a moment to recall a time when you have needed forgiveness, and it was granted to you. *How did it feel to receive that forgiveness? Was there a weight that was lifted?*

Read Romans 3:23.

Why are we all in need of forgiveness?

How do we fall short of God's standard?

Read Romans 3:24-26.

How does God respond to our need for forgiveness?

What is the role of Christ in our forgiveness?

Do we do anything to earn this forgiveness?

Read Colossians 3:12-13.

We are ambassadors of forgiveness. What does it mean to be an ambassador?

According to these verses, what do we "put on" and how do these things aide in forgiveness?

Why does God call us to forgive others?

End your time by sharing if there is anyone in your life you need to forgive. Pray over one another, first thanking God for the forgiveness we have all received through Jesus and then

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that the Holy Spirit would empower us to take that first step towards forgiveness of those around us who need it.