

Small-Group Notes

HOPE | Week 2 “Forgive us our Debts”

Jesus changes everything. In Him, God Almighty is our Abba. He will never leave us nor forsake us. People who trust Jesus are never alone. Feelings aren't facts but our Anchor is a fact. Feelings may change and be tossed about by the wind. But the Anchor remains. We must learn to let the facts of our faith drive our feelings instead of the other way around. When the storm rages, we can rest in the assurance our anchor will keep us steady. We are never alone.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

- On a scale from 1 - 10, how weary is your soul right now? How did you come up with that rating?
- We have now been in this season of COVID for six months. Share with the group a new positive insight or lesson you've learned since having your life impacted by COVID.

SERMON NOTES REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

WATCH THE VIDEO

([Watch Group Video Here](#))

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When have you experienced the power of forgiveness?
2. Robert told us that when we get hurt, either by something we have done or by what someone has done to us, our natural response is often to move down a path of anger. This path can often lead us to hate and bitterness which in turn leads us back into a cycle of hurt. Be bold and share with the group a time when you have experienced this cycle.
3. Read aloud the Lord's Prayer in [Matthew 6:9-13](#). Which part of this prayer can you best apply to the cycle of hurt you have experienced and choose to move toward forgiveness of self or others?
4. Read aloud [Matthew 18:23-35](#). The Christian life is learning to receive the forgiveness of Jesus and then giving it away to others. Throughout scripture, we read this is not a suggestion but a command. This verse in Matthew 18 is a powerful illustration of this truth.
 - What are some principles we can learn in these verses?
 - Sometimes forgiveness seems completely unreasonable and far too mammoth a mountain to scale. Maybe you have been nearly destroyed by others' sins. What steps this week could you take to begin this trek to receive and give away this powerful truth of cancelling debts and uprooting our shame to heal? (Keep in mind: No matter who you are, what you've done, or what's been done to you, God loves you.)

PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

ACTION ITEMS

- Did you say YES to Jesus this week? If so, please go to [yes.sv.cc](#)
- The weekend of August 29/30, we are going to be doing Baptisms At Home. If you have said Yes to Jesus but never been baptized, go to [baptism.sv.cc](#) to learn more.
- Take the 40 Days of Hope challenge at [hope.sv.cc](#)
 - Attend a service every week ([live.sv.cc](#))
 - Join a small group ([groups.sv.cc](#))
 - Watch the daily devotionals ([daily.sv.cc](#))
 - Attend prayer time on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm ([live.sv.cc](#)). Prayer this week will be online and in-person at all campuses as we move to Regather in-person for Weekend Services next weekend (August 22 & 23).