

Use the following growth group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

THE POWER TO FORGIVE

1/7 in the series Audacious Prayer
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BREAK IT OUT:

1. What was your favorite Easter tradition when you were young?
2. What got your attention or surprised you in Sunday's sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. How does unforgiveness affect our relationship with God?
4. What are the benefits of forgiving: spiritually, emotionally and physically?
5. Because Jesus is alive, we can know we'll live with God forever if we've trusted in Him. How could this change the way we approach life?
6. How does Jesus' resurrection make us more confident that God has forgiven all our sins?
7. How does forgiveness become not just a healthy human discipline, but actually an act through the power of God?
8. What's the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? Is reconciliation necessary after forgiveness has taken place? Why or why not?

WORK IT OUT:

9. As a result of this sermon, what is your next step in your spiritual life?
10. How can your growth group help you in this journey?

In the midst of the worst kind of suffering and in the midst of unjust mockery and humiliation, Jesus prayed. O my, what a prayer! He prayed an audacious prayer requesting forgiveness for his assailers. Incredible. Together, on this beautiful Easter morning, let's review the resurrection story and consider living in the power of Jesus' resurrection by receiving his forgiveness and then audaciously pass it on to the most undeserving characters in our lives.

1. **The Pain of the Crucifixion** - (*Luke 22:54ff*). Jesus did not just suffer. He suffered emotionally, physically, psychologically, spiritually and mentally.
2. **The Prayer of Forgiveness** - (*Luke 23:24*). While at the height of torment, Jesus actually prayed, "Father, forgive them."
3. **The Power of the Resurrection** - (*Luke 24:1-12; Philippians 3:10; Galatians 2:20*). We can only pass to others, that which we have.

Our Next Step

Receive the bountiful forgiveness of Jesus Christ,
and then let's forgive others.

NEXT WEEK • 2/7 AUDACIOUS PRAYER
COURAGE • ACTS 4:23-31