

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT GETTING RIGHT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD

This Bible study helps you to examine what the Bible teaches about getting right with each other and with God. You can do this study on your own or with a small group of people. Take time to consider how it applies to you and your life and ministry.

1. What is the core message of the gospel of Jesus Christ? <i>(Luke 24:47, Acts 26:18)</i>
2. What do we need to do in order to receive forgiveness? <i>(Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:8-10)</i>
3. What are the benefits of being forgiven? <i>(Romans 6:23, James 5:16, Acts 3v19-20)</i>
4. Why should we forgive someone who has wronged us? <i>(Matthew 6:12, 14, 15; 18:22-35)</i>
5. What should your attitude be towards a friend/husband /wife who continually sins against you? <i>(Matthew 18:22, Colossians 3:13)</i>
6. What is repentance? <i>(Luke 3:8, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)</i>
7. How can a person reform their behaviour? <i>(Romans 7:25 (18-25), Hebrews 12:24)</i>

Discussion Question for small group:

8. How would you ask your friend/husband/wife to forgive you for doing something that hurt or disappointed them?

Personal Reflection for yourself in silence:

9. How would you ask God to forgive you for something you have done that hurt or disappointed Him?

Answers

1. What is the core message of the gospel of Jesus Christ? (*Luke 24:47, Acts 26:18*)
There is forgiveness of sins for those who repent. Repentance draws us closer to God, brings us into God's family.
2. What do we need to do in order to receive forgiveness? (*Psalm 32:1-5, 1 John 1:8-10*)
Be honest! Confess to God the sins/wrong that I have done and ask Him to forgive me.
3. What are the benefits of being forgiven? (*Romans 6:23, James 5:16, Acts 3v19-20*)
Eternal life. Healing. God answering our prayers. Times of refreshing.
4. Why should we forgive someone who has wronged us? (*Matthew 6:12, 14, 15; 18:22-35*)
God will forgive us (ONLY) if we forgive others. We can be tormented if we do not forgive.
5. What should your attitude be towards a friend/husband /wife who continually sins against you? (*Matthew 18:22, Colossians 3:13*)
Continually forgiving, bearing with others' faults. Gently, humbly help others.
6. What is repentance? (*Luke 3:8, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10*)
It is a decision to turn AWAY from sin/self and turn TO God. A decision to change. It is a choice open to everyone.
7. How can a person reform their behaviour? (*Romans 7:25 (18-25), Hebrews 12:24*)
Only Jesus Christ can reform us. He only helps us if we ask Him to.
8. How would you ask your friend/husband/wife to forgive you for doing something that hurt or disappointed them?
Honestly and humbly acknowledging the wrong we have done and the hurt we have caused. Sincerely asking the other person to forgive us.
9. How would you ask God to forgive you for something you have done that hurt or disappointed Him?
As with 8 above, Honestly and humbly acknowledging the wrong we have done and the hurt we have caused to God and others. Sincerely asking God to forgive us.