



for groups occurring  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 29<sup>th</sup>

## Forgiveness

message outline for  
January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### Key Scriptures:

James 2:13  
John 20:23  
John 8:10

### Other Verses:

John 16:33  
2 Corinthians 6:11-13

### Key Points:

- "Live long enough, and you realize that life can be painful. But, no matter what you're facing or what's going on around you, you must believe the best for the future."  
~ Brian C. Houston, Senior Pastor, Hillsong Church
- "Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend."  
~ Martin Luther King Jr.

**How are you doing with the Bible in a year plan?** If you aren't doing that, what have you been reading?

**What thoughts come to mind when you think about the word forgiveness?** Have you seen forgiveness as a positive or negative in the relationships of people around you? Explain.

**Have you experienced God's forgiveness?** Share how you have experienced forgiveness with the group. What makes it easy and/or difficult to accept?

**Describe a situation in your life where it was hard to forgive someone?** What was the outcome of that situation? How were you able to forgive them, or why weren't you able?

**How does God's forgiveness in our lives help us to forgive others?** Do you currently have any un-forgiveness toward someone in your life? Considering God's forgiveness, what steps can you take to change that today? How can God and your group help?

*Pray that each person would experience the love and forgiveness of God.*

*Pray that the same forgiveness would be given to those around us as we share the attitude of love that Jesus has toward us.*

Note: If you aren't in a community group, let us know you want to take that next step. Email us at [groups@communitychurch.info](mailto:groups@communitychurch.info). No matter where you find yourself in life, there is a group that is right for you, and we'll help you find it.

