

LIFE GROUP STUDY- Dr. Harley Ihm

Lifestyles 4 - “AND YOU Will FORGIVE...”

“There are some things I just can’t forgive.” “I’ll forgive, but I won’t forget.” “If you had been the one he’d done that to, you wouldn’t forgive him either.” These are statements made by wounded Christians. I understand, yet if we forgive no more than the rest of the world, where is our witness for Christ? Conflict resolution is a powerful tool for being a witness for Jesus!

ENCOUNTER THE WORD

1. Read Matthew 18:15-35. If another Christian sins against you, what steps does Jesus give for resolving the problem?
2. Why do you think Peter asked Jesus if seven times would be enough forgiveness?
3. Why do you suppose Jesus gave three steps to conflict resolution and then said to forgive seventy-seven (or seventy times seven) times?
4. How could this parable of the unmerciful servant explain Jesus’ teachings on forgiveness?

ENCOUNTER LIFE

1. How would you treat someone like a pagan or a tax collector?
2. How would you score yourself (0-100%) in the area of forgiveness?
3. Describe your feelings when you realize how much and how many times God has forgiven you.
4. How could your godly forgiveness be a witness for Jesus?