

a new way to **LIVE**

FORGIVE, Ephesians 4:32 March 17, 2019

CONNECT

1. Take some time and share a personal story about forgiveness—when either you chose to forgive someone who had hurt you or you received forgiveness from someone. Talk about the dynamics that were at play and how forgiveness in this situation impacted your life.

CELEBRATE

2. What did Pastor Matthew say was meant by the Apostle Paul's exhortation toward being tender to others? In what ways does the Lord help you be tender? What obstacles make this challenging?
3. In Ephesians 4:23–24 we are told by Paul that we disciples need to “be renewed in the spirit of [our] minds, and put on the new self.” In what way do you think forgiving someone might reflect Paul's thinking? Is it really that different than the way the world thinks about life? If so, how?
4. Carefully read Matthew 18:21–35. What does this parable have to say about the power of forgiveness? What lessons do you learn about forgiveness? Give special attention to verse 33.
5. It has been said that forgiveness is most helpful for the one needing to forgive. What does this mean and why is it be true?
6. Take some time today to thank the Lord Jesus for the forgiveness He bought for you at the cross.

CONTRIBUTE

7. Consider the following question: Is there someone today that you need to forgive? What keeps you from doing so and what approach might you take to deal with this? Also, is there someone you could invite to hold you accountable regarding this matter?