



LEADER PREP

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to keep choosing forgiveness and realize healing takes time

MAIN POINT

Forgiveness and healing aren't an event, they are a process.

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Colossians 3:12-14

This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GET THEM TALKING

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message in your own words.
- What are different things that take time?

INTO THE WORD

READ COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 and discuss the following:

1. How do these verses define God's people?
2. How do these verses ask God's people to live?
3. Why do you think these verses ask God's people to live lives of compassion, forgiveness, and love?
4. Why can it be so hard to live this way sometimes?
5. Who can share about a time where you had to keep choosing to forgive someone?
6. How can we give our hurts and pains to God?

NEXT STEP

Take some time to reflect in your mind:

- 1) What hurts do you still have, even after forgiving someone?
- 2) How can you give that pain to God and keep choosing forgiveness?

PRAYER GUIDE

We are going to close in prayer.
Anyone have any prayer requests?

MAIN SCRIPTURES

Scripture is provided for convenience, but we prefer you and your students open your Bibles to read the Scripture. This helps your students learn how to find Scripture in their Bibles and where these verses are in the larger context of God's Word.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-14 (NIV)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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