

Lent: Discussion Questions for 3/17/24

Forgiveness: The Key to Healing and Freedom (Liz Dickson)

Instructions: A life group is a family growing in Jesus together (worship), caring for each other (community), and BLESSing our neighbors together (mission). Start with a couple of the CONNECT questions. Then read the Scriptures and discuss. Make sure to conclude by applying the passage and finishing with a time of prayer.

CONNECT TOGETHER (choose 1-2)

1. What is something you are thankful for this week?
2. How have you seen Jesus at work in the world around you? How have you been able to join him? Remember, God works through small stories.
3. Are you facing a challenge right now?
4. From Sunday's message, is there a thought or idea that especially intrigued, provoked, disturbed, challenged, encouraged, or surprised you?

READ Matthew 18:22-35

1. Have someone retell the passage in their own words.
2. Does anything stand out as surprising, interesting, confusing, frustrating, or powerful?
3. Where do you see the consequences of unforgiveness in the world?
4. Look at vs. 35 again. What does it mean to forgive from the heart? What kind of torment do we suffer when we don't forgive?
5. What do you learn about people in this passage? (yourself, others)
6. What do you learn about God in this passage? (his character, his ways, etc.)

LIVE IT OUT

1. During this Lenten season, what attitudes or actions are being exposed that are NOT like Jesus?
2. During Lent, how are you being formed into Jesus' image? Are you using the Lenten Prayer Guide from provided? (avalonchurch.org/resources)
3. In what other ways can you apply today's passage? How is this passage calling our group to live out God's mission to bless others?

PRAY

