



STUDY 6 Forgive us our sins

*How would you answer someone who says,
“God can’t forgive me, I’ve sinned too much”?
Or “I don’t need forgiveness from God cause I’m not that bad”*

The fifth part of the Lord’s prayer is all about forgiveness. Jesus knew we would need forgiveness everyday and so he teach us to pray “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

1. **Read Matthew 18:21-35** What does this parable teach us about forgiveness? Why is it so important to forgive others? How is us forgiving others linked to God forgiving us?
2. **Read 1 John 1:9** What does this tell us about how certain our forgiveness is through Jesus? “God is faithful” means He always keeps his promises. How does the cross show that we are completely forgiven?

Your forgiveness before God is not dependent on confessing your sin every day. It’s as sure as Jesus died for your sin. Confessing your sin realigns your heart with the reality that you are completely forgiven by Jesus death for you.

3. **Read Colossians 3:13** What is the normal Christian response when someone hurts us? What is our motivation to forgive others?

Forgiving others doesn’t earn God’s forgiveness but rather shows that we are forgiven. Praying “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” realigns our hearts with God’s command to “forgive as the Lord forgave you”

4. What would you say to someone who says:

“I know I am forgiven by Jesus but I just can’t forgive that person who wronged me”

“I’m not sure if I’m actually forgiven”

“You can only be forgiven if you keep confessing your sins every day. Unconfessed sin isn’t forgiven until you bring it to God”

5. What makes is hard for us to pray “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”? What are some ways we can bring this prayer into our lives more each day?

Spend some times in prayer shaped around “Our father in heaven, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us through Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour”