**Thought Questions On Forgiveness**

What Is Forgiveness?

Thayer Lexicon:

1. to send away
2. to permit, allow, not to hinder, to give up a thing to a person
3. to leave, go way from one

Characteristics of God’s forgiveness

1. Hebrews 8:12
2. Luke 15:20-24

Examples of Forgiveness In The Bible

1. Joseph (Gen. 45:5-15; 50:10-21)
2. King David & Saul (1 Samuel 24:9-22)

List Examples In Your Own Life

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Is forgiveness easy?

1. Can you think of situations where forgiveness is easier than others?
2. Who does unforgiveness harm?
3. Was it easy for Christ? See Hebrews 5:8; Mark 14:36

Why is forgiveness so important?

1. Proverbs 423
2. Matthew 5:8
3. Col. 3:13
4. 1 Cor. 13:4
5. Matt. 6:12-15
6. Jas. 4:14
7. Matt. 18:21-35

How do respond when you your feelings get hurt?

1. 1 Samuel 25
2. James 3:7
3. Ephesians 4:32

How would have you have handled David’s situation?/How did God respond?

1. 2 Samuel 11-12
2. 2 Samuel 22:36; Psalm 18:35

What are some obstacles to forgiveness

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After reading the following verses how would you answer these questions.

Luke 17: 1-5; Luke 23:34;; Acts 7:60; John 16:2; Matt. 6:14-15

1. Do people need to apologize before you forgive them?
2. Can you think of times when it’s not possible to receive an apology?
3. What if it’s dangerous to approach a person?
4. Does a person have to display a sense of guilt before you have a spirit of forgiveness?

What can we do to cultivate a spirit of forgives? (Example: be more thick skinned)

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Are these statements true or false

1. “I will forgive when I feel like it.”
2. “I can forgive but I can’t forget it”
3. “I can forgive you but in the future I will avoid you.”
4. “I cannot forgive.”

How can the following verses affect our attitudes towards forgiveness?

1. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7