

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Forward Motion of Forgiveness”

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, October 5, 2008

Scriptures Verses: Genesis 45:1-20

1. What was one thing in the Scripture passage that spoke to you?
2. Pastor Dan defined forgiveness as, “giving up the right to retaliate.” What do you think of this definition? Too hard to do? Too easy? Not enough?
3. Why is forgiveness so hard? Can one strive to forgive and not seek payback in word, thought or action? Did Joseph accomplish that?
4. What are the consequences if we do not forgive?
5. What are the blessings if we do forgive?
6. Why is it hard to forgive ourselves?
7. How can Jesus and the Holy Spirit help us in forgiveness?
8. Can you think of a time in our life when forgiveness was really hard but later proved to be a blessing when you did forgive?
9. Jesus forgave His enemies. How does this help us?
10. Christianity is one of the few, if not the only religion, that says we must forgive our enemies, and that there is no *karma* where we don't always get what we deserve due to God's grace. Why is this a unique trait of Christianity?
11. Were Joseph's brothers changed due to Joseph's behavior?
12. Is there someone you need to forgive today?

Additional question for groups meeting later in the week (if time permits):

1. What has been the most meaningful E-100 reading for you so far this week?