

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

FORGIVE US OUR SINS Luke 11:4; Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Main Thought: We can develop more powerful prayer lives by incorporating the components of the Lord's Prayer.

1. _____ US OUR _____. (Luke 11:4; Matt. 6:12)

1) We are all _____. (Rom. 3:23)

2) Sin is described in a _____ of ways in the Bible.

3) Our sins _____ be forgiven. (Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7)

4) We must _____ and _____.
(Luke 24:47; 1 John 1:9)

5) We need regular _____. (Luke 11:4; Matt. 6:12)

2. AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN _____
US. (Luke 11:4; Matt. 6:12, 14-15)

1) Is our forgiveness _____? (Matt. 18:21-35)

2) Forgiveness may be described as a _____ to make four _____.

(1) I will not _____ about this _____.

(2) I will not bring up this incident again and _____ it against you.

(3) I will not _____ to _____ about this incident.

(4) I will not allow this incident to stand _____ us or _____ our personal relationship.

3) What forgiveness is _____.

4) When _____ you forgive? (Luke 17:3)

5) What about _____?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read Luke 11:4 and Matthew 6:12, 14-15.
2. Why do we need to pray asking God to forgive us our sins? (Romans 3:23; 6:23)
3. What is sin? The New Testament uses a number of different words for sin: debt, trespass, sin (missing the mark). In what way is sin a debt, trespass, or missing the mark?
4. On what basis are our sins forgiven? (Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7)
5. What is the context of the Lord's Prayer? Who is Jesus speaking to? Are they believers or non-believers? How often do they need to ask for forgiveness? If Jesus is talking to believers, why do they need to ask for forgiveness regularly?
6. Is our forgiveness conditional according to Luke 11:4 and Matthew 6:12, 14-15? What about Ephesians 2:8-9 and 1 John 1:9 and other verses like them? What forgiveness is Jesus talking about? What is the big idea that Jesus is trying to get across in this portion of the prayer?
7. What do you find difficult about forgiveness?
8. What are some of our mistaken ideas about forgiveness?
9. In the sermon on Sunday, the pastor talked about forgiveness being a decision to make four promises. Do you agree with those promises? Why or why not?
10. Is there someone you need to forgive today? What steps will you take to begin that process?