

# ALL IS FORGIVEN

October 2-8, 2019

## Day One: Devotional

1. Read through Matthew 6:9-15 several times. This may be a familiar passage, a prayer you have prayed many times; however, try to put that aside and read it afresh today. What does it say to you today? Is there something that jumps off the page at you? Is there a part of the prayer that is hard for you to pray today? Is there a part you don't fully understand?
2. Read through each line slowly. Which line sticks out to you? Focus in on that line. Read it five times. It might be helpful to read it out loud as well. Write it out here:
3. What one word sticks out to you in this line? Focus in on that word. Say it out loud several times. Write that word here.
4. Spend time in prayer today. How does God want you to apply what you read today? How can this better enhance your prayer life?
5. Worship. We have been focusing on worship for the past few weeks. How do the verses you read today bring you to worship? Hillsong Worship has a song called *The Lord's Prayer* that might be a great way to end today, listening and reflecting upon it.

## **Day Two:** Observations and Color Code

### **Genesis 50:15-20 Joseph**

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: <sup>17</sup>'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

<sup>18</sup>His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

### **Observations:**

### **Leviticus 4:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>"If the whole Israelite community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands, even though the community is unaware of the matter, when they realize their guilt <sup>14</sup>and the sin they committed becomes known, the assembly must bring a young bull as a sin offering and present it before the tent of meeting. <sup>15</sup>The elders of the community are to lay their hands on the bull's head before the Lord, and the bull shall be slaughtered before the Lord. <sup>16</sup>Then the anointed priest is to take some of the bull's blood into the tent of meeting. <sup>17</sup>He shall dip his finger into the blood and sprinkle it before the Lords even times in front of the curtain. <sup>18</sup>He is to put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is before the Lord in the tent of meeting. The rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering at the entrance to the tent of meeting. <sup>19</sup>He shall remove all the fat from it and burn it on the altar, <sup>20</sup>and do with this bull just as he did with the bull for the sin offering. In this way the priest will make atonement for the community, and they will be forgiven. <sup>21</sup>Then he shall take the bull outside the camp and burn it as he burned the first bull. This is the sin offering for the community.

### **Observations:**

**Matthew 6:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>“This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup>your kingdom come,  
your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.’

<sup>14</sup>For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Observations:****Luke 17:1-6**

Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. <sup>2</sup>It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. <sup>4</sup>Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

**Observations:**

## 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. <sup>6</sup>The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. <sup>7</sup>Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. <sup>8</sup>I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. <sup>9</sup>Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. <sup>10</sup>Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, <sup>11</sup>in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

### Observations:

### Day Three: Method: Topical Study

1. Pick your topic: This week we will be doing our first topical study. A topical study is similar to a thematic study but differs in a few ways. First of all, it usually takes longer to do a topical study. This is because you will usually study more verses. Also, in a topical study you want to consider all related themes that run through the passages. Another difference is that in a thematic study you pick about five questions that you are going to ask of each reference. In a topical study, instead, you do not decide ahead of time what questions to ask but examine each verse and record all insights you learn. There are so many topics in the Bible that you could study and choose from; however, this week we will be focusing on *forgiveness*.
2. Compile a list of words: Think of all the words related to the topic of forgiveness. These can be both synonyms and antonyms. Those words will be helpful in finding references on your topic. For instance: forgave, atone, and mercy all might be good words to look up. Can you come up with any others?

3. Collect Bible References: For this part you will want to get out your Study Bible and/or an Exhaustive Concordance to look up the words you came up with and get a list of Scripture references that you want to use for this study. We have already picked five for you, can you come up with at least three more?

**Genesis 50:15-20**

**Luke 17:1-6**

**Leviticus 4:13-21**

**2 Corinthians 2:5-11**

**Matthew 6:9-15**

**Day Four:** Method: Topical Study Continued

4. Consider each reference individually. You have already started this step on Day two. Go back to your observations, and reread the passages to see if anything new jumps out at you. Read your observations to remind yourself of the insights and questions you found. Ask as many questions as you can of each verse. Page 10 of your study gives some good questions you might want to consider. Do the same for the verses you added here:

5. Compare and group the references: Are there any passages that complement each other? What connections do you see between verses? Categorize each passage, and write down any connections you might see.

6. Outline: Using the categories you found in the above step, organize your passages by making an outline of your topic. This will help you to really share what you found with others.

**Day Five:** Application

1. In conclusion of the study you have done all week, what have you learned about forgiveness that you can apply to your life? What is a practical application of it?
  
2. How does all that you learned about forgiveness bring you to worship?