



HEALING THE HURTS WE DON'T DESERVE

Standalone Message

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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What does the word “toxic” mean? What is the effect of toxicity?
2. Which direction do you tend to go toward when someone has hurt you: anger, resentment, bitterness? Some other reaction?
3. Take a look at Matthew 6:12-15. Why do you think Jesus paired the forgiveness God extends to us with the forgiveness we extend to other people?
4. Pastor Harry said forgiveness is not excusing, forgetting, condoning, or overlooking an offense. What is it instead?

What makes forgiveness hard to give?

5. Read Genesis 50:17-21. How do you think Joseph was able to forgive his brothers? How did he keep his heart pure?

What is a pure heart?

6. Pastor Harry said it takes faith to forgive. What did he mean?

7. “Forgiveness isn’t a feeling. It’s a decision.” – Pastor Harry. What’s the difference?

How do you decide to do something that you don’t feel like doing?

8. Jesus said in Matthew 5:8 that the pure in heart will see God. What do you think it means to see God?

MEMORIZE Colossians 3:13 “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

MEDITATE: This week in your prayer time, ponder the breadth and depth of what God in Christ has forgiven you. Consider this ratio of what you’ve been forgiven to what God asks you to forgive others. Thank God for all that you have in Christ and pray for the wisdom and strength to extend the same grace to others.