

HomeGroup Discussion Guide

April 26-May 2, 2009

Key Idea of the Week:

Jesus made it clear that we were not to harbor bitterness, resentment or unforgiveness toward others because of his great forgiveness of us. Yet many of us wrestle with bitterness and unresolved anger toward others. How can we deal with that healthily and quickly?

Discussion Guide:

Pray for God to soften your hearts and speak to you as you open His Word together.

Read Matthew 18:21-35.

Discuss

Have you ever had a hard time forgiving someone of an offense against you? Without slandering anyone or mentioning names, tell about it.

Think about a time when it was difficult for you to forgive. Why was it so hard to forgive?

Is there a difference between forgiving and forgetting? What is that difference?

How can you forgive if you can't forget?

What does this passage reveal as the secret of having a forgiving heart? (leaders, see verse 33)

What can you do this week to become more conscious of God's generosity toward you and therefore more generous toward others?

Pray for courage to act on what you've learned this week and for any requests that may have been raised by members of the group.