



**Session 1**

**Luke 11:1-4**

1. If you had to list the most important things to pray about each day, what would you include?
2. Read Luke 11:1-4. What things does Jesus say we should pray about?
3. What does Jesus assume that we are doing, in v4?
4. Why do you think Jesus wants us to forgive other people?
5. What do you think this prayer tells us about Jesus' priorities for us?
6. How do you feel about Jesus expecting us to forgive other people? Why?

**Session 2**

1. Read Acts 3:19. What does it mean to repent of your sin?

2. Which of these things will cause God to forgive you?

- Trying not to do that thing again
- Not doing that thing again
- Feeling very sorry
- Feeling very guilty
- Going to church
- Reading the Bible
- Doing good things for other people
- Serving a prison sentence
- Taking communion
- Confessing your sins to another Christian

Read Ephesians 2:8-9.

3. How have we been saved?

4. What does the word 'grace' mean?

5. What have believers in Jesus Christ been saved from and to?

6. Do we need to do any work for God in order to be forgiven, or to pay him back for his gift of forgiveness?



### **Session 3**

#### **2 Samuel 12:1-10**

1. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-4. Why do you think Nathan the prophet tells David a story?
  
2. Read v5-6. How does David respond, and why?
  
3. Read v7-10. How is this story about a lamb a picture of David's sin?
  
4. How do you think David felt when he realised that the truth had got out?
  
5. Read the first half of v13. What does David do and how do you think he felt when he did this?
  
6. Read the second half of v13. What does God say to David, through Nathan, and how do you think David felt when he heard those words?



## **Session 4**

### **Psalm 32**

Read Psalm 32 together as a group.

1. How is the forgiven man described, and what does it mean to be forgiven? (v1-2)
2. How does David describe the feeling of guilt? Can you associate with this? (v3-4)
3. What does David do in v5 and what happens as a result of this?
4. How do you think David felt after he had been forgiven?
5. What do you think David means in v9?
6. Who are the wicked and who is the man who trusts in the Lord? (v10-11). Why can the man who trusts God rejoice?



### Session 5

#### **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

1. What does v17 tell us about Christians and what do you think this means?
2. What do you think 'the old has gone, the new has come' means in v17?
3. What does 'reconciled to God' mean? (v18-19)
4. What exchange happened at the cross? (v21)
5. Do you know, or do you want to know, the forgiveness of God?
6. If someone is genuinely sorry for their sin, and has no intention of doing it again, God will forgive them for it, if they trust that Jesus' death has paid for their sins. Think about things you want to be forgiven for, then write them on this piece of paper.



## **Session 6**

### **Matthew 26**

1. Read Matthew 26:31-35. This conversation was just hours before Jesus was arrested. What does Jesus say is going to happen, and what does Peter reply?
2. Read Matthew 26:69-74. Jesus has now been arrested and his trial is in progress. What happens to Peter?
3. Read Matthew 26:75. How does Peter feel about what he's done?
4. Read John 21:14-19. What happens here and what must have happened in order for this conversation to take place?
5. Why do you think the Bible records these events in Peter's life?



**Session 7**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**

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1. What did Peter ask Jesus in v21, and why do you think he asked this?
  
2. What was Jesus' reply and what do you think he meant?
  
3. Remember that parables usually have one main teaching, and we are not supposed to find a hidden meaning behind every detail. Jesus tells Peter a parable to illustrate his teaching about forgiveness. For how much was the first servant in debt to the king (v24)?
  
4. What did the king do when the servant begged for mercy, and did the man deserve this treatment (v26-27)?
  
5. How do you think the man felt when the king forgave him, and who do you think he represents in this parable?
  
6. How did that servant treat another servant who owed him money (v28-30)? (The second servant owed much less than the first servant had owed the king).
  
7. What does this tell us about the first servant's understanding of how much the king had forgiven him?
  
8. Read v33. How does v33 answer Peter's original question?



## **Session 8**

### **Luke 15:11-24**

1. Read Luke 15:11-13. How has the son treated his father and how do you think the father would feel about this?
2. What happens in v14-16, and what would be the equivalent situation in today's world?
3. Read v18-19. What does the son decide to do and how does he plan to make it up to his father?
4. Who do you think the father and the son in this parable represent?
5. How does the father react when he sees his son in the distance (v20)?
6. What does the son do when he meets his father (v21) and what does the father do? (v22-24)
7. What do you think was Jesus' point in telling this parable? (Look at Luke 15:1-2 to see why Jesus told the parable).
8. What does this parable tell you about how God views you, when you come to him in repentance and belief?