

## Following The Real Jesus

*"Forgiving Like Jesus"*

John 13:1-17

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### 1. Forgiveness Brings \_\_\_\_\_

*Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*  
*Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)*

*So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free. John 8:36 (NLT)*

### 2. Forgiveness Puts Others \_\_\_\_\_

*Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves. Luke 22:27 (NLT)*

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*  
*Mark 10:45 (NLT)*

### 3. Forgiveness Brings \_\_\_\_\_

*Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them." John 13:17 (NLT)*

#### • Forgiveness Sets The \_\_\_\_\_ Free

*I am not overstating it when I say that the man who caused all the trouble hurt all of you more than he hurt me. Most of you opposed him, and that was punishment enough. Now, however, it is time to forgive and comfort him. Otherwise he may be overcome by discouragement. So I urge you now to reaffirm your love for him.*  
*2 Corinthians 2:5-8 (NLT)*

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*So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)*

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## Discussion Questions

1. Share a time in which you received forgiveness. What did that do for you personally? What did that do for your relationship with the forgiver?
2. Share a time in which you offered forgiveness. What was that like? Was it easy? Was it hard? What was the end result?
3. Put yourself in the shoes, er ... sandals of Jesus' disciples. What would be going through your mind as Jesus washed your feet? What would it make you feel and think?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. How does this instruction relate to forgiveness?
5. Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive? Make a plan now to go and experience the freedom that comes with forgiveness. Share you plan with someone in your group so that they might pray and hold you accountable.

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