

CONNECT

Share with the group your favorite fall activity.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV)

Put on then as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

GROW

Use any of the following prompts to help you facilitate group discussion:

- How would you explain what forgiveness is to someone?
- Share your thoughts on this statement: Forgiveness gives you freedom. How is it possible to get freedom from forgiveness?
- Read Colossians 3:12-13 (ESV) What do you think these verses are saying in your own words? What do these verses say about God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit? What do these verses say about us, as people?
- This passage tells us we must forgive as we have been forgiven. What does this mean to you?
- If there is someone in your life who you are struggling to forgive, how can Holy Spirit help you to truly forgive this person?

WORSHIP

Raise a Hallelujah
Tremble

MINISTRY TIME

As you gather as a group, spend time praising God and offering Him thanksgiving to celebrate the forgiveness we have received from Jesus dying as us and for us at the cross. If anyone in your group has not received Jesus, ask them if they want to receive Him, and pray with them to do so. Invite Holy Spirit to provide everyone with a fresh awareness of our forgiveness and invite people to surrender afresh any grudges or offenses they have kept in their hearts, knowing that through Christ's spirit we are empowered to truly forgive others who have intentionally or unintentionally wronged us. Invest more time celebrating the freedom of forgiveness. Some people might experience Holy Spirit in powerful ways as they forgive, so allow space for them to share their God encounter as a result of this ministry time.

GO

Here are some ideas on how you can change the world with Jesus this week:

- Read Colossians 3:12-17 (TPT) daily. Ask Holy Spirit to help you live this out in your daily life. Journal about what it looks like to live where the choice to love and forgive happens each day.
- Pray for help from Holy Spirit to reach out to three people who have wronged you intentionally or unintentionally. Forgiveness does not excuse other people's actions, but it frees you. Let them know you forgive them and ask for their forgiveness. This is a way to demonstrate reckless, radical love. Be ready to share with them how you are moved to forgive because God has forgiven you. Take notice of how it feels to forgive and praise God for the freedom that comes from forgiving others as He has forgiven us!



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