STUDY GUIDE: "Forgiveness"

Discussion Starters

- 1. Do you believe most Americans think they need forgiveness?
- 2. On a scale of 1-10 (low to high) how confident are you of being forgiven by God?

Study

This study guide is designed to follow up the sermon "Forgiveness" at NOCC on 8/26/18. If you weren't in worship at NOCC that Sunday, listen to the sermon on nocc.org or the NOCC app.

3. Do a word study on "forgive" using a concordance and Bible dictionary. What does this teach you about forgiveness?

To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek or Hebrew word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

4. Define the following words or terms. Note for each of them how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage, and why you think this word was chosen.

--"forgiven" (Psalm 32:1)—

--"impute" (Psalm 32:2)—

--"prosper" (Proverbs 28:13)—

--"confesses" (Proverbs 28:13)—

--"forsakes" (Proverbs 28:13)—

--"confess" (1 John 1:9)—

--"forgive" (1 John 1:9)—

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- 5. What is the difference between "cover' in Psalm 32:1 and Proverbs 28:13?
- 6. Read Psalm 32:1 and 2, Psalm 51:1 and 2 and 1 John 1:9.

--What are the different words used for our concept of "forgiveness"? How do they differ?

--What do these passages say about what is required of us to be forgiven?

--What happens in us if we are not forgiven? If we are?

Taking It Home

- 7. What is the biggest barrier to you seeking forgiveness?
- 8. Is this the biggest barrier for most people? If not, how is it different?
- 9. What is the biggest barrier to you forgiving others?
- 10. Who do you need to forgive? Do it. Now.