

THE VAULT- How To Become A Person Of Character

Wk 6- Forgiveness

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others (Colossians 3:13 NLT)

WHAT IS FORGIVENESS?

To **RELEASE** or **CLEAR SINS**

To see past another person's **FAULTS**

To excuse or let go of **ANGER**

WHAT DOES FORGIVENESS DO?

It Sets People Free From:

GUILT (*Proverbs 4:23 NLT*)

BITTERNESS (*Hebrews 12:15 NLT*).

FEAR (*1 John 4:18 NLT*).

WHY SHOULD I FORGIVE?

Because I have been **FORGIVEN** (*Hebrews 8:12 & Matthew 18:21(NLT)*)

Because forgiveness is the **KEY** to my **RELATIONSHIP** with **OTHERS** and **GOD** (*Matthew 6:14-15 NLT*)

Thought for the week: **FORGIVENESS** sets people **FREE!**

How Willing Am I To Forgive? 1 ----- 5 -----10

Small Group Questions:

OPENER: What does forgiveness mean to you?

- 1) Read Colossians 3:13. What does Paul say about forgiveness?
- 2) How easy/hard is it for you to forgive someone who has offended or hurt you in some way?
- 3) Read Ephesians 4:32. Paul tells the Ephesians that because God forgave them, they should forgive others. Discuss how this verse relates to everyone today.
- 4) Read Matthew 6:14-15. What did Jesus say about forgiveness?
- 5) Read Luke 15:20 (The Prodigal Son). Discuss God's forgiveness for all believers. How does that make you feel?
- 6) Challenge: If you need to forgive someone/ or ask for forgiveness from someone, speak to that person this week.