

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Who in your life has loved you well? Describe them and what they did to love you the way they did.
2. Describe a time when you experienced grace that you didn't deserve.

DIGGING DEEPER

As we look at part 5 of our Not It series we're taking on the second part on forgiveness. Remember this is a deep topic that requires humility and honesty but is crucial as followers of Christ. Take some time to dig deeper into the reality of forgiveness by answering these questions.

1. Read Romans 12:19-21. Why do you think our culture views forgiveness as a sign of weakness and vengeance a sign of strength? Is this how God sees it?
2. How is forgiveness more about you than the offending party?
3. Read Ephesians 4:32. How are the concepts of kindness and compassion related to forgiveness? Why would Paul need to instruct church members to do this?
4. Read Matthew 6:14-15. What is Jesus saying and what implications does this have for our intentionality in forgiving others?
5. How can we forgive if we struggle to forget? Is there a way to differentiate?
6. The Greek "charidzomai" involves the root word for "grace." What does grace mean and how does it apply to forgiveness?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Where in your life and relationships have you sought vengeance when it should have been left in God's hands?
2. How have the messages on forgiveness helped you identify where you need to let go of offenses and allow God to heal your heart?
3. Are there relationships where you need to ask forgiveness of another? What are they? What steps are you going to take toward being obedient?