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The Art of Forgiveness

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Questions/tensions of forgiveness

- ⌘ Sin . . .
- ⌘ Issues of “Forgiv-er” and “Forgiv-ee”
- ⌘ Expectations around forgiveness.
- ⌘ Forgiving and forgetting.
- ⌘ Life after forgiveness offered or received.
- ⌘ When we can’t forgive.

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What is Christian forgiveness . . .

- ⌘ The reconciled relationship between God and humanity.
- ⌘ Brokenness brought about by individual, corporate, intentional unintentional sin.
- ⌘ Christ’s life, death and resurrection brought us back to God.
- ⌘ This is cyclical and part of our on-going experience of Christian growth

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What today’s Scripture has to say about forgiveness

- ⌘ All far short . . .
- ⌘ God’s forgiveness is for everyone;
- ⌘ Forgiveness doesn’t require someone to ask;
- ⌘ Forgiveness doesn’t require or expect change;
- ⌘ Being forgiven does require humble repentance;

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Possible shifts in our thinking about forgivingness.

- ⌘ We must live into and out of the reconciling act of Jesus.
- ⌘ We must understand the complex nature of OUR sin and brokenness.
- ⌘ Forgiveness is not offered with blind expectation, but wise hope.
- ⌘ Forgiveness can be experienced when sins are offered with genuine humility.

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For reflection . . .

- ⌘ **Sheet #1 - To bring to the table.**
What to you/we need to bring to God in order to be forgiven?

- ⌘ **Sheet #2 - To keep with you.**
With who do you need to forgive regardless of the expectation?

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