

Road Trip HOME GROUP NOTES

Week of June 11

Road Trip: Foster Forgiveness

The "Road Trip" series focuses on "family" connections that we all have. If you would like to be in a Home Group, sign-up online or call Julie Humphrey at (909) 335-7333, x110.

Share It

What are some of the 'costs' of forgiving – and being forgiven – in everyday family life? How did your family do at the challenging work of apology, forgiveness, and restoration?

Study the Bible

How do these passages clarify your understanding of the Bibles' teaching on forgiveness?

Colossians 3:12-16

Ephesians 4:22-27

Romans 5:1-2. 6-8

I John 1: 5-9

Matthew 18: 21-35

Discuss Together

What are some of the implications for our practice of forgiveness as we embrace the meanings of the three Greek words, *aphemie*, *apolou*, and *charizomai* – especially in our family life?

"When you forgive, you in no way change the past – but you sure do change the future" – Practical ways you believe living by forgiveness does change the future of our relationships? Examples?

Where have you seen 'practiced forgiveness' redeem failure – in your life or in the life of those close to you?

A wise counselor, Dr. Henry Brandt, used to begin his counseling session with a couple by asking, "Before we start on your lists of grievances with each other, I would like to know, what do you need to confess and ask forgiveness for with each other?" Why this question? Applications for our home life?

Pray

- For opportunities this week to foster forgiveness in my closest relationships.
- For wisdom to consider the 'six steps' process and apply it to any wounded relationships.
- For a deeper understanding in my life of my forgiveness offered through the costly grace of the cross of Christ.

Apply It This Week

Be alert to opportunities this week to 'foster' – "encourage, promote, nurture" forgiveness with someone close to you.