

## Review

What was your main take-a-way from this weekends sermon? Why? Share this with your group.

## Discuss

1. This weekend we heard that the prayer Jesus prays in both Matthew 6:11 & 6:12 are prayers of freedom.

How do you see "Give us our daily bread" and "Forgive us our debts" as prayers of personal freedom?

2. In scripture there is this progression of forgiveness from the Old Testament into the New Testament. The progression leads us from tabernacle, to temple, then into the New Testament gospels with Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, finally to us. In this space we are invited into Christ's ministry of forgiveness.

Read Colossians 3:13. Why must we forgive?

Read Matthew 18: 21-35

When you forgive who is it connected to? What event is it connected to?

In the moment you are wronged or offended how do you remember what Christ did for you?

How do you allow yourself to make a decision from this place and not from bitterness or anger?

3. In the New Testament the phrase, "to forgive" literally means "to let go." It means you're saying, "I release you (and me) from this," "I'm not going to carry this any more."

You've probably heard the phrase, "Forgive and forget." Do you think when we forgive we are also called to "forget?" And is this even possible in the human mind?

Do you think with forgiveness there also needs to be restoration? Is restoration and forgiveness different?

## Response

Share with you group...When it comes to unforgiveness...What are you holding onto? Have you been carrying something longer than you should? What will it take for you to be freed?