



WEEK TWO | THE TABLE OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is an interesting concept. You can't have a healthy relationship or reconcile with someone from whom you are estranged without forgiveness. As we all know forgiveness is not easily granted. Our emotions, beliefs, and personalities determine the size of the mountain one must climb to receive our forgiveness. Shocker... Jesus doesn't see it that way. Maybe forgiveness is less about the parameters we place on it than the barriers Jesus removed for us to receive it. That's something to think about.

GETTING STARTED

What are some big plans you have for this summer? (I don't use icebreakers quite like I used to but why not start with one this time? Remember, groups are about sharing life together.)

TALK ABOUT IT

How would you describe or define arrogance?

Read Luke 7:36–50 (Jesus eats at Simon's house)

How much of you do you see in the woman? In the righteous people?

Describe the fine line between knowing you need forgiveness and becoming The Enforcer (holding others to repentance but not yourself)

Most everyone knew the woman's history and "place" in society with eyebrows raised as she entered the room.

What do you think those men and families with Hope Center might feel like in our midst? (Will we see them with Judgment? Skepticism? Fear?)

What barriers could we be responsible for making it hard for people like the woman to reach out for help and forgiveness?

What does her display of desperation say to you about brokenness?

APPLY IT

Jesus said (verse 47), "Whoever has been forgiven little, loves little." The opposite is true as well, "Whoever has been forgiven much, loves much."

Apply this to yourself. How would you describe your appreciation and need for forgiveness?

PRAY

Nothing will make you feel more like a community than this time. Share your joys, your burdens, your victories, your fears. This is the place to do it.