More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

BSU Christian Challenge

New Mexico State University Study Series

(Working Draft)

Forgiveness

1. Describe a time when someone forgave you. What was the situation and how did it make you feel to be forgiven?

2. Describe a time when you had the opportunity to forgive someone. What did you do? How did you feel as a result?

3. Read and think carefully about Psalm 130: 1-5 and Jeremiah 31: 31-34. Carefully study these passages. Memorize Psalm 130:3-4 and Jeremiah 31:34. How did these passages show God’s forgiveness? How is that different from what you wrote about in questions 1 and 2?

4. Forgiveness is so important that Christ died (gave his blood) for forgiveness of sin (Matthew 26: 27-28). Why is forgiveness of sin so essential if we are to serve God?

5. Read Ephesians 1: 3-8. What are the results of forgiveness as described in this passage?

6. So how can we, as followers of Christ, show his forgiveness to others?

Read 2 Corinthians 2: 5-11. What does this passage tell us about forgiving one another? What elements are involved?
7. **Read 1 John 1:5-10. Memorize 1 John 1:9. What is this passage telling us we must do to lead to true forgiveness?** 

   What is the result?

8. **Read Matthew 7:1-5 and Luke 17:1-6. What does it mean to “cause one of these little ones to sin”?**

   Have you ever done this in some way? (Explain)

   What is your responsibility in seeking forgiveness from a lost friend?

   When should you act on that responsibility?

   How should you and I act on that responsibility?

9. **Review your answers to questions 1 and 2. How does your experience in forgiving others compare to what God wants for you?**

   Identify specifically what you need to pray for in the area of forgiveness.

   Identify specifically what you need to act on in the area of forgiveness.

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**MEMORIZE**

Psalm 130:3-4

Jeremiah 31:34

1 John 1:9

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