

Week 1 - The Forgiving Father

Video Introduction:

Scripture Luke 15:1-2,11-24

Making Deeper Connections to the Bible

Video Notes:

Discussion Session #1

- What did you hear that you have not heard before?
- If culturally, what the father did was not normative, why do you think he did it?
 - o Giving the inheritance before his death
 - o Running to meet the son
 - o What, if anything would be different today?

Connecting the Bible to life.

Video Notes:

Discussion Session #2

- What does it mean to forgive or to be forgiven?
- How real do you think the physical benefits discussed surrounding forgiveness are?
- In today's world, can we truly forgive those who have done us wrong
- What would our world look like if we could, if we did?

Over the next Week

Read Matthew 9:9-13

- Make a short list of those groups you think are hated today.
- Write a short description of why you think they are hated.
- Highlight those groups on your list that you hate and reflect on why.
- Looking back at what you have written, find a quiet place and ask God this question:
 - o If Jesus could sit and eat with those who were hated, how might we?