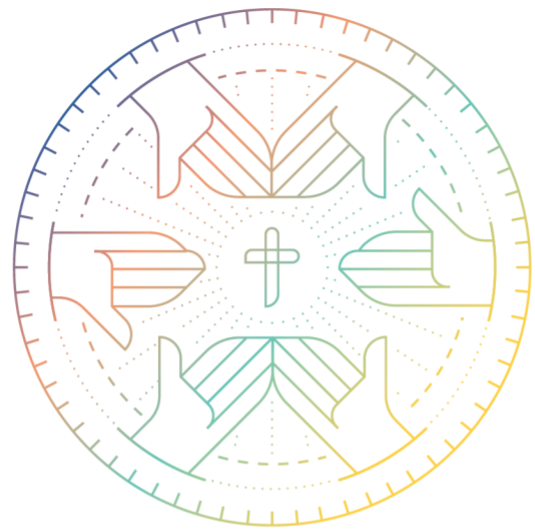


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

As you were growing up, were you more of a rule-keeper or a rule-challenger? Any examples? How have you changed in adulthood?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from Pastor Levi's message?

How would you articulate the importance of the cross to you personally?

## INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

**Read Luke 6:27-31.** How does this powerful teaching from Jesus apply to our lives today?

**Read Luke 6:32-36.** How does this passage shed light on the kind of person Jesus wants you to be?

**Read Luke 6:37-38.** What does this passage communicate about how we should reflect God's virtues in our world?

**Read Mark 11:25.** Briefly describe the ways in which Jesus' ministry was a ministry of forgiveness.

**Read Matthew 18:21-22.** Does Jesus really mean what he says in this passage? How do you understand the implication of these words of Jesus?

## APPLICATION (15 MINUTES)

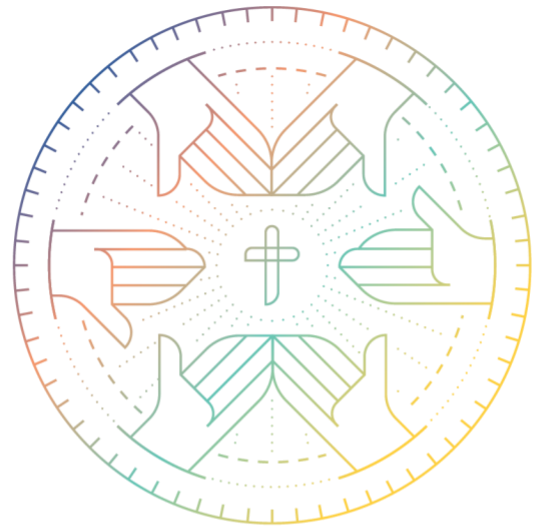
What obstacles do you think people face when trying to forgive someone? How might you suggest a person can overcome these obstacles?

Do you believe you are growing as a person of forgiveness? What are the signs of a person of forgiveness?

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## DAILY THIS WEEK

Remind yourself to spend a few minutes each day this week, preferably at the end of the day, reflecting on any situations or conversations where forgiveness might have an application. Was there an offense you caused? Is there someone you need to forgive? Is there someone from whom you need to ask forgiveness? Respond to any prompting as soon as you are able. If a situation is too big to forgive, make an appointment with a pastor to talk and pray it through.

## PRAYER

*Our Savior and Lord Jesus, thank you for the forgiveness we have received through your death and resurrection. We receive it again today. We need your mercy and forgiveness every day of our lives. As we have received, let us also give. Grant me clarity and honesty to seek forgiveness from anyone I have hurt or offended. May I be a person of forgiveness. Amen.*