



Forgive Your Enemy

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Message Notes

God's Kingdom comes through us being a witness of Jesus by the Spirit's power.

Forgive your enemies like Jesus.

There is nothing that excuses you from forgiving others.

Forgive them Today.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-8, 6:3-15, ch. 7; Matthew 6:14-15

Discussion Guide

ENGAGE

1. Read Acts 7:51-60. Why does Stephen say this to the council? What is he trying to achieve?
2. In verse 54, why did they respond the way they did? Why did Stephen's speech drive them to murder?
3. In verse 60, Stephen forgives his killers. What impact do you think this had on the people watching? How would you have responded in this situation?
4. Luke, the author of the book of Acts, draws lots of comparisons between Stephen's death and Jesus' death. What are some of those similarities and why do you think Luke did this?
5. Share a story of when someone forgave you. How did it make you feel? How did it impact your relationship with that person?

APPLY

Nathan challenged us to take a step toward forgiving our enemies.

1. Write a letter to the person you need to forgive.
2. Pray over what you wrote, inviting God to speak to you about it.
3. Decide what God wants you to do with that letter - keep it, send it, or throw it away.

PRAY