



FOLLOWING JESUS IN FORGIVENESS PART II – August 2024

Read Matthew 6:7-15, Colossians 2:14, Hebrews 12:14-15, Romans 12:19

1. When Jesus teaches us how to pray, he instructs us to ask for forgiveness just as we forgive others. Why is that important to understand?
2. “Forgive us of our debts as we forgive our debtors” infers when someone has sinned against us, they have taken something from us. Have you personally experienced this?
3. Hebrews 12 says: “Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.” How can unforgiveness become a root of bitterness that poisons our lives?
4. Theologian Miroslav Volf writes: “Violence/Revenge/Retaliation...flourish because victims are secretly nourished by the belief that God refuses to take up the sword.” What do you think Volf means and what is God’s answer in Romans 12:19?
5. What did Jesus mean when Jesus uttered his last words “It is finished”? How does it apply to our lives?

6. Why is the cross of Christ our greatest example of understanding forgiveness and while extending forgiveness to those who hurt us?

