

SERMON SERIES: 52
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Sermon Title:

“Can Jesus Forgive Me?”

Introduction

This past week we talked about the question, “Can Jesus bring me life?” We discussed how if we find ourselves in the mess to keep going through the middle, because sometimes we have to go through the mess to get to the miracle. Jesus is a miracle worker and can bring us new life. This week, we are talking about what may seem like a heavy question - “Can Jesus forgive me?” and the Bible has a lot to say on forgiveness from God.

- Share a high and a low from this past week. What was something good that happened? What was something that you struggled with?

Seek the Word

- Read Psalm 32. Who do you know who needs to hear this poem?
- Read Romans 4:7, Ephesians 1:7, and Hebrews 9:22. What sticks out to you about the character of God according to these verses?
- Where in Scripture can you point out a story of life transformation because of the forgiveness of God? What does that tell us about the priorities of God for His people?

Go Deeper

Compile a list of healings that Jesus does, either physically or spiritually. Make note of the processes he uses and the response of the person being healed. Make note of whether the physical or spiritual healing came first, and ask why that might have happened the way it did.

Talk About It

- What happens to a person physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually when they are not forgiven?
- Have you ever had a time you felt unforgiven either by God or by another person? What was that like?
- Who in your circle is most like the disciple Matthew – a person living outside of faith that you suspect may have interest in faith?
- What drew you to your faith? Was it a person, an event, or an experience?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Our greatest need is to be reconciled with our Heavenly Father.

Challenge: Share the story of Matthew the Tax Collector with a friend interested in faith but who is not a committed Christian. Ask them, “Do you think people assume you are less interested in God than you actually are?”