

Forgiveness

1. Read Exodus 34:4-9
What is God's character? What is His attitude towards sin?
What was Moses' response to the revelation God gave him? (vs. 9)
(I think you will find the iniquity visited to the third and fourth generations is idolatry, the blood of Jesus will forgive it all.)

2. Read Mark 2:3-12 and Luke 7:36-50
Do you find the same attitude in Jesus?
Is this different to the attitude of the Pharisees?

3. Who only has power (authority) to forgive sins? Read Psalm 51:4 to see why.
Was Jesus right to exercise this authority on the earth?
What does it make Him if it worked? Did it work?
What was the result for both the lame man and the woman?
Did they need faith?

4. Do Jesus' comments about who loved the most help us to understand why some people do not love God very much?
Do you know how much God has forgiven you?

5. Read Matthew 18:21-35
Who is who in the parable?
What does it show us about our attitude to others as far as forgiveness is concerned?
What are the consequences if we do not forgive?

6. Read Luke 23:34 and Acts 7:59-60 to see how much forgiveness worked out in the life of Jesus and then in Stephen.
Where did Stephen's ability come from?
(If in difficulty look back through the above passages.)

7. Read Hebrews 8:6-12 (A covenant is very much like a promise.)
When did God see the need for a new covenant? (vs. 8)
Is this where God starts with us?
What did God need to do first? (vs. 12)
What can He do next? (vs. 10)
What is the result? (vs.11)
How far has this covenant worked in your life?
How well do you know God?
Does it make you realise how important forgiveness is?

8. Read 1 John 1:8 - 2:2
What must we do to be forgiven?
Who forgives us?
What should be the result?
Who pleads for us if we sin again?
Read Psalm 51 if you have time and see how David sought God for forgiveness