

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*The God Who Forgives*  
The Gospel of Mark—Wk 74

**ICEBREAKER:** If you could own any sports team, which one would it be?

**OVERVIEW:** One of the truths that is revealed in the resurrection story of Jesus is that God is a forgiving God. After denying Christ not once, but three times, Peter must have felt unforgivable. Yet after rising from the dead, Jesus singled Peter out and invited him to meet up in Galilee. In this discussion we will learn more about experiencing the forgiveness and reconciliation offered freely through Jesus Christ.

1. **Read Mark 16:1-9.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Matthew 10:32-33. With this passage in mind, why did Jesus forgive Peter?
3. Read Matthew 18:21-22. What did Jesus mean by forgiving your brother seventy times seven?
4. Describe a time when you experienced forgiveness from someone other than God?

5. Read Colossians 3:12-13. What does it mean to forgive "just as the Lord has forgiven you"? Does experiencing God's forgiveness make it easier to forgive others? Explain.
6. How does it impact the way you live to know that God's forgiveness is unlimited?
7. If God's forgiveness is unlimited, isn't that a license to sin (see 1 John 3:9-10)? Explain.
8. How did the cross make forgiveness available?
9. Can people receive God's forgiveness without faith in Christ (see 1 Timothy 2:3-6)? Explain.
10. Read 1 John 1:9. Why is it necessary to confess in order to receive forgiveness?

**The Last Word:** It doesn't matter what you have done, or how many times you have done it, God offers forgiveness and reconciliation. His forgiveness is unlimited.