

May 30, 2021
Letting Go



Key Scriptures

Luk 9:51-56 NASB *When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem; (52) and He sent messengers on ahead of Him, and they went and entered a village of the Samaritans to make arrangements for Him. (53) But they did not receive Him, because He was traveling toward Jerusalem. (54) When His disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" (55) But He turned and rebuked them, [and said, "You do not know what kind of spirit you are of; (56) for the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them."] And they went on to another village.*

Eph 4:25-27 NASB *Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another. (26) BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, (27) and do not give the devil an opportunity.*

Eph 4:32 NASB *Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.*

The Big Point:

It's our natural reaction to blame someone, something, or even God in our seasons of struggle. Jesus told us exactly who the stealer, killer and destroyer is and it's not God. Judgments will cloud our decisions. We have to see that there have been times we have mistaken who exactly has hurt us. Forgiveness brings grace to see clearly.

Important points from the message:

- Love is stronger than getting even.
- If we want to know what's next, finish the last instruction.
- If we get in the value system of Jesus we get Grace.
- The lack of forgiveness is connected to our lack of peace.

Important quote:

- *You can walk in God's peace when you walk in God's forgiveness.*
- *You have to take off the armor of fear to put on the armor of Christ.*
- *Anger isn't the problem- trying to get even is.*
- *Let's forgive, because that's the power of Christ.*

Questions that may get your group talking.

- Have you ever experienced those strong feelings rush back in after you thought you truly forgave someone? What did you do to reach full forgiveness?
- Have you experienced freedom after walking in forgiveness?
- Have you ever wanted to call down fire when God wanted you to walk in forgiveness?

Questions that may get your group thinking.

- Have you walked in bitterness and felt justified?
- Have you ever given God your offense and felt him heal your heart? Share as you feel comfortable.
- Are you aware of your triggers? Being aware is a good way to ensure you walk in forgiveness.

Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Invite someone to church this week.
- Text GoRLC to 97000 and sign up for a ministry team.