

Forgive us our debts

Acts 13.38-41

Introduction:

I. Forgiveness begins with J_____

A. Jesus forgives I_____

B. Jesus forgives I_____

1. Forgiveness is e_____ by grace

2. Forgiveness e_____ to the
past and future

II. Jesus begets F_____

A. We p_____ forgiveness

B. We p_____ forgiveness

1. We f_____ as Christ f_____ us

2. F_____ steps to f_____

Conclusion:

Questions for reflection or small group discussion

- Remember a time when you needed to say “I am sorry”? What convinced you that you needed to say it?
- Remember a time when someone apologized to you? What did it change?
- What are the four different words (images) for sin in the Bible?
- Many people, religions, or philosophies speak of redemption; what makes Christian forgiveness unique?
- Might it be that our unwillingness to forgive others is that we doubt we have been forgiven (or that we even need to be forgiven)?
- For what have you been forgiven?
- How have you been forgiven?
- Who do you need to forgive?
- How do you begin to forgive someone else?
- How will your forgiveness be more an act(s) than just words?
- Is there the hope for reconciliation with forgiveness?
- Can you imagine a way that some wrong done to you can be used by God for good (think of Joseph)?