



Community Group Study Guide



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Series: "Building a Kingdom Household", Pt 4 The Roof: Mercy and Grace

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-15, Colossians 3:13

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Questions for your consideration:

1. Memorize Colossians 3:13 as a group. Then explore how Christ forgave you.
2. Among all people in the world, who should practice forgiveness as a matter of course more than those who claim to have experienced forgiveness and grace in Christ Jesus? Would you describe your marriage and household as forgiving?
3. Read the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Then read on in verses 14-15. Notice that Jesus just continues on with a word about forgiveness. He does not stop and say "Amen" at the end of the prayer. "If you forgive, you will be forgiven. If you don't forgive, you will not be forgiven." Does this seem fair? Do you think our practice of forgiveness is vitally important to Jesus? To our own spiritual health?
4. Is there anyone in your life from whom you have withheld forgiveness? What do you need to do to move towards them and forgive?