**Questions for Small Groups:**

1. How has your daily practice been going? Have you gained any valuable insights about prayer?
2. What stood out to you most about the message?
3. Why is it important for us to recognize that we are not perfect just the way we are? How can this be good news?
4. How seriously do you take sin in your own life? Are you more prone to obsessing over sin or excusing (or psychologizing) sin and taking it too lightly?
5. Which of the four types of sin Kory mentioned are you most prone to commit? How might you overcome these?
6. Why do you think Jesus makes our willingness to forgive a condition of our own forgiveness?
7. Tell your small group about an experience that you’ve had either forgiving someone or asking forgiveness from someone.

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**Forgive Us Our Debts**

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from the evil one.’

 *“For yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever. Amen*

Since Sigmond Freud, we now live in the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ world.

**The Good:**

1. It genuinely aims to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people.
2. It recognizes that our bad behaviors have deeper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

“Sin is an illegitimate way to meet a legitimate need.”

* John Ortberg

**The Problem:**

Our thoughts, feelings and desires become the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by which all actions are judged.

“The heart is deceitful above all things. Who can understand it?”

* Jeremiah 17:9

The therapeutic world does not tell us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

**Jesus’ two critical truths:**

1. You are not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ just the way you are.
2. God \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you anyway!

**“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”**

**Two Requirements for forgiveness:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (1 John 1:8-9, Luke 18:9)

**What should we confess?**

* Sins of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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* Sins of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
1. We must \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ others. (Mt 6:14-15, 18:21-35)

Would you like God to apply the same level of forgiveness you give to others?

We are all both \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ sin does not have the power to keep you stuck unless you give it to them.

**Forgiveness:**

* IS letting go of anger, resentment, and the desire to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for a wrong done to you.
* Is NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Is NOT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Does not make \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of wrongdoing.

The goal of confession is not to make us feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, but to make us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for how good God is.