**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

***Connect:***

*When you have made a mistake or blown it in a relationship, how do you   
usually respond? How do your answers compare to what you do with God   
when you blow it?*

***Dig Deeper:***

*Remembering both God’s incredible provision of forgiveness, and our need for it, can help us become more generous in the forgiveness of others. The following verses take us back to the basics. Stop and reflect on each one and underline any key principles. How can each one help us grow in our ability or motivation to forgive?* **Read the following verses:**

Isaiah 53:6, Isaiah 59:1-3, Isaiah 55:6-7, Jeremiah 33:6-9, Col. 3:12-15

*Every family will have its rough spots, problems, or conflicts. God’s family is no exception.* ***Read 2 Corinthians 2:5-11****. How are we to respond to a family member that blows it, admits it, and is open to change? How might Satan use   
our unwillingness to forgive?*

**Read 1 Samuel 24:1-13.**

*How would you have responded if you were David? What did David’s friends think he should do? What is unique about David’s response? Who did David look to for retribution? How might you apply David’s actions to your own life?*

***Make It Personal:***

*Forgiveness is not just about letting others off the hook and letting it go when   
we are wronged. It’s also about freeing ourselves from the baggage that we pick up if we are unforgiving. Read Ephesians 4:30-31. Do you see any evidence or symptoms of a lack of forgiveness toward others or yourself in your own life? If  
 so, can you identify someone that you may need to offer grace to and forgive?*

*Keeping short accounts is often the key to forgiveness. Is there someone you need to seek out to ask forgiveness from?*

**Upcoming at Wave**

**JOIN A LIFE GROUP | JAN. 6– Mar. 10**   
The winter season of Life Groups kicked off last week, and it was great to reconnect with friends after the holiday break. Have you joined a Life Group yet? At Wave, our Life Groups are key to building significant Christian relationships and growing closer to God.

Life Groups require a ten-week commitment and are comprised   
of 10 to 16 people. They meet weekly at various locations, days, and times to share, study God's Word, and build relationships. Interested   
in joining a life group? Just fill out a life group card in your bulletin   
and drop it in the communication card and offering box in the   
back of the church and we will contact you.

**STARTING POINT | Feb. 10th**

Starting Point is our “You Are Here” sign at Wave, and the next one will be on Feb. 10th, right after church! Starting point is an informal “Introduction to Wave” lunch where you will meet other newcomers to Wave, our Wave Pastors, and hear about the story and heart of our church. More importantly, Starting Point is designed to make it easy   
for you to connect and navigate the next steps to Connect, Grow and Serve at Wave. Lunch is provided for the whole family!

**ARE YOU PART OF A SERVE TEAM?**

At Wave Church SD, we deeply value serving one another, and believe that God designed every person with unique talents and gifts specifically so you can use them to serve Him and others. One   
way to fulfill God’s purpose for your life is to discover a place to serve within the church. We currently have need in our children’s ministry and set up ministries. For more information please fill out a communication card and check ***‘I want to find a place to serve.’***

**WAVE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

Want to keep up with all that is going on at Wave? Simply fill   
out your communication card and write ***‘Newsletter’*** to get   
a weekly email update from Wave!

**HOME IMPROVEMENT | A GRACE-FILLED HOME**

**WAVE CHURCH SD | JAN. 13, 2019**

**WE REPEAT WHAT WE DON'T REPAIR.**

A CHRIST-CENTERED HOME IS MARKED BY FORGIVENESS.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (ESV)** *4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,   
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in   
evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.*

BIBLICAL FORGIVENESS =

CHOOSING TO LOVE LIKE YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN HURT

**Luke 23:34-38 (ESV)** *34And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. 35And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”*

FORGIVENESS CAN REWRITE OUR FUTURE.

**Matthew 18:21-22 (ESV)** *21Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” 22Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

**Genesis 4:23-24 (ESV)** *23One day Lamech said to his wives, “Adah and   
Zillah, hear my voice; listen to me, you wives of Lamech. I have killed a man   
who attacked me, a young man who wounded me. 24If someone who kills   
Cain is punished seven times, then the one who kills me will be punished   
seventy-seven times!”*

FORGIVENESS IS NOT ABOUT KEEPING SCORE,

BUT ABOUT LOSING COUNT.

**Matthew 18:23-27 (ESV)** *23“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. 24When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ 27And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.*

FORGIVENESS RELEASES US AS DEBTORS.

**Matthew 18:28-30 (ESV)** *28But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ 29So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ 30He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.*

FORGIVENESS RELEASES US AS DEBT COLLECTORS.

**Matthew 18:31-35 (ESV)** *31When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. 32Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. 33And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ 34And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. 35So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”*

IT IS UNFORGIVABLE NOT TO FORGIVE.

**Matthew 6:14-15 (ESV)** *14For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

**MAKING FORGIVENESS A FAMILY VALUE**

PRAY WITH / FOR THOSE YOU’RE IN CONFLICT WITH

CONFESS QUICKLY WHEN YOU BLOW IT, AND SEEK FORGIVENESS

USE THE WORDS “WILL YOU FORGIVE ME?” AND “I FORGIVE YOU.”