### (Un)Hurt: The Healing Power of Forgiveness

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# Hurt hides in the depths; It damages us from below.



#### **Congratulations**

Forgiveness is God's strategy for resolving hurt and shame in our life.



What we will cover

Getting started with forgiveness

(Un)Hurt: The Healing Power of Forgiveness a curriculum for helping people to forgive



Basic definitions for this Webinar

Forgive = Forgiveness: The decision to stop trying to collect on a moral debt.

Repent: The decision to be honest about one's sins, to admit them to another person, and take responsibility

Reconcile: To restore a broken relationship



#### Another Bucket Has a List Too!



#### What are some benefits?

- Jesus requires
- Peaceful relations
- Empowering leadership
- Character of God

Matthew 6:12-15

2Corinthians 2:5-11

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 26:28



#### What motivates people to forgive?

- Personal blessing
- Heart's desire
- Freedom and Joy
- Empowering



#### What situations can be repaired?

- Unresolved (sexual) abuse
- Long-standing antagonism
- Relationship conflict
- Fear of making mistakes

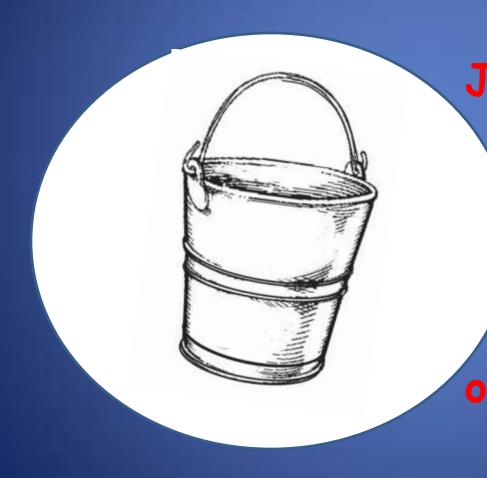


#### Whom do we forgive (examples)

- Our own self
- Immature parents
- Abusers
- Friends
- Church family



How Do You Teach Forgiveness in a Church?



Jesus gave us permission to forgive; a gift that frees us from enslavement to our past hurts.

**How Do We Get Started?** 

The way you forgive is the way you will be forgiven.

If one is defective, the other will be a disaster.



#### Teaching forgiveness

• Unique: the cure for hurt

Essential: required by Jesus

Beneficial: helps every participant

Valuable: restores people's honor

Spiritual: to do as Jesus did



#### What Experiences Can be Forgiven

- Preventable Hurt
- Purposeful Hurt
- Planned Hurt
- Perceptual Hurt



Why bother after all these years?

- Hurt has no time
- Shame has no limits
- Changes our past
- Rescues our futures
- You cannot love God and hate your brother



Where Do You Begin?



Begin with the truth that Jesus is the only person in town offering freedom

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Don't Be Distracted by the Distractions!

The list of the top 10,000 excuses begins with:

I tried once.

I don't know if it will work.

It's too hard.

But I don't want to be their friend.

I don't want to!



Stay focused

Use curriculum

Equip people to forgive



A little information about (Un)Hurt

- Origins of (Un)Hurt
- Bucket of Hurt
- My shame
- Anchor of Hope Church
- Faith Alive







#### How to host a forgiveness workshop

People want to forgive
Prepare a structured curriculum
Practice every day
Partner with helpers
Present forgiveness as a blessing



#### (Un)Hurt: The Healing Power of Forgiveness

Questions & Answers

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More information-

(Un)Hurt Kit - www.faithaliveresources.org Website - http://www.howtoforgiveinfoursteps.com/

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