

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?

life groups' sermon guide
nailed to the cross
- giving and receiving forgiveness
colossians 2:11-15



Small groups exist at Kingsway to provide authentic relationships for the life application of the CORE 4 elements of Worship, Grow, Serve, and Share

Introduction

*Onward Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the Cross of Jesus
Going on before.*

*Jesus Christ is risen today,
Our triumphant holy day;
Who did once upon a cross
Suffer to redeem our loss.
Hallelujah!*

Briefly describe how these issues relate to the Cross of Christ:

- Justice
- Mercy
- Grace
- Redemption
- Forgiveness

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18

...but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.

1 Corinthians 1:23

Q :: With all of these positive attributes associated with the cross, why is the cross so despised, misunderstood and seen as nonsense to an unsaved world?

Bible study

Forgiveness – For You

Read Colossians 1:13-15

What do these verses say about the cross and:

- Our standing before God without the cross (vs 13)?
- The specific results of the cross for our redemption (vs 13-14)?
- Our future because of the work done on our behalf (vs 15)?

Q :: Is forgiveness just a “feeling” or does it require action?
What did it require of Jesus?

Applying God's Word

Forgiveness – From You

“And He was saying to them all, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Luke 9:23

“And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.”

Luke 11:4

One of the main ways we can take up our cross daily is to provide forgiveness to others, just as it was provided to us through the work on the cross.

Jesus defined “neighbor” by telling the story of the Good Samaritan.

- How would you describe an enemy?
- Who is your enemy?

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

- What kind of love are we to show our enemies?
- How does this love affect our ability to forgive?

Proverbs 24:17-18

- What's the big deal about gloating over our enemy's problems?
- Why is this a natural human reaction?

Exodus 23:4-5

- What is a modern-day equivalent of returning an enemy's donkey?

Psalms 35:11-16

- Have any of these ever happened to you?
- What are we to do if our enemy doesn't treat us as kindly as we treat him or her?

2 Thessalonians 1:6-7

- How does it make you feel to know that God will pay back those who persecute Christians?

Romans 12:19-20

- How do these verses instruct us to take retribution on our enemies?
- Can you provide an example of this from your own life?
- Do these verses provide a perverse motivation for the Christian?
- What should be our motivation?

John 7:1

- Are there times when we should avoid our enemies?
- If so, provide examples for application of this verse in your life today?

Romans 12:14

- How do you “bless” an enemy?

Make a decision:

Q :: What are you going to do this week to show love to someone with whom you normally don't get along? Be specific (Not just, "I'm going to be nicer.")

Q :: How are you going to deal with your old feelings toward the person?