

Family Program – Session 3 – Called to Forgiveness

I. Questions following First Breakout Session – Personal Testimony

1. When you needed forgiveness, did you ask for it or not? If not, why not?
2. When you had an opportunity to forgive did you? Why or why not?

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See also: Matthew 18: 23-35

Matthew 5:43-4

Luke 17:3-4

II. Questions following Second Breakout Session – Jesus teaches us to forgive with the parable of the Prodigal Son

1. Which figure do you identify with the most, the Prodigal Son, the Older Son, the Father?
2. How can we cultivate attitudes of the Father in our lives?

The Story of the Prodigal Son is found in Luke 15: 11-32

For Further Study

I. Remember Last month from the Lord's Prayer

Forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive those who Trespass against us – Our lives become broken by sin – our relationship with God breaks when we sin – but it is restored when we are healed of sin – We must beg for God's mercy and forgiveness for our offences.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT: We imitate Christ and draw closer to Him by forgiving our enemies – or anyone who harms/wrongs/offends us.

II. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Forgiveness –

A. Forgotten how to “do” confession? Here's a refresher!

<http://bustedhalo.com/features/confession-101-part-one>

<http://bustedhalo.com/features/confession-101-part-two>

B. Need help preparing? Consider using an App!

1. Father Barron talking about Confession and the Confession App

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N-mbVFzy5A8>

2. Website with suggested downloads

<http://catholicapptitude.org/confession-apps/>

Gives links to various Confession Apps. The first one has a bishop's imprimatur and has received the good comments from the Vatican.

C. Books about Forgiveness

The Return of the Prodigal Son – by Henri Nouwen

The Gift of Peace – by Joseph Cardinal Bernadin