



# **HOT POTATOES**

## **#2: Is Forgiveness Always God's Will?**

### **Introduction – What Is Forgiveness?**

1 Corinthians 13:5

Matthew 18:20-35

Forgiveness offers \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Five Forgiveness Facts**

#1. Forgiveness is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus' Mission.

Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Mark 11:25

#2. Forgiveness is the foundation of all \_\_\_\_\_.

Acts 20:35

Philippians 3:10-16

#3. Forgiveness must be \_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 5:44

#4. Forgiveness is given in response to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 17:3-4

#5. Forgiveness should always be \_\_\_\_\_ before offered.

Matthew 7:3-5

1 John 4:19

### **Conclusion – Becoming A Better Lover**

Luke 7:47

Romans 8:1

Forgiveness removes \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_.

### **HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...**

#### **WARMING UP...**

1. After reviewing your sermon notes, talk about one thing that was most new, encouraging, or perplexing to you.

#### **LOOK TO THE BOOK...**

2. Read Paul's powerful words in **Philippians 3:10-16**. a) How could the process of forgiving someone who has hurt us be one way of experiencing knowing Jesus through the fellowship of suffering, mentioned in **verse 10**? b) How might **Colossians 1:24** relate to this discussion of suffering with Christ through the act of offering forgiveness to others? c) How does Paul model a mature balanced approach in **verse 12** for those who tend to obsess about the whole Calvinism-Arminianism debate? d) Discuss how the concepts expressed in **verses 13-14** offer an alternative approach to many people's professional counselling additions? (Note: This is not to suggest that that all professional counselling is unnecessary.) e) How does Paul demonstrate confident, rather than insecure and divisive, leadership in **verses 15-16**? Is there a lesson in this for Home Church discussions?

#### **SO WHAT?...**

3. If you are willing, talk about the person who it is currently most hard for you to forgive. What should your next step be? Pray for each other regarding this.