

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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OF PEACE
Called to Connect



The Broadcast

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God's story tells and retells the critical act of forgiveness. Without forgiveness, our stories become fractured and disoriented.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: MATTHEW 6:12

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

Jesus spent a lot of time telling stories and guiding us to recognize what the kingdom of God looks like. And in many of those stories, the kingdom of God looks like seeds - some that grow, some that don't, and some that surprise us. In these kingdom stories, Jesus points to God as the Sower of seeds. One method of planting seed is "broadcasting," which is the act of flinging seed widely and generously all over the place. A Sower broadcasts seed. And the gospel message in Jesus Christ broadcasts that the kingdom of God is near.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you have a favorite Parable (a story Jesus told to illustrate a religious principle)? If so, what is it and what does it teach you?
- Pastor Paul Dean shared a story from his life that illustrates forgiveness. Share a story from your life that illustrates what forgiveness means or looks like to you.
- ***And her simple, yet tender broadcast of the truth of what I needed in that moment changed the whole trajectory of that day.*** Share a story about a time somebody told you the truth about what you needed. What was the truth and how did it change your trajectory?
- ***God has and is generously broadcasting to us the truth of what we need in our lives together, and that broadcast is all about forgiveness.*** Share about a time in your life when an unwillingness to forgive negatively impacted a relationship. Then share about a time when forgiveness brought hope and healing. Where in your life do you currently need to seek or grant forgiveness? Where in the community of Prince of Peace do we currently need to seek or grant forgiveness?
- ***Many of us have lots of ideas and goals for our community.*** What are your ideas and goals for the community of Prince of Peace? What do you see as the biggest challenges we need to meet?

CHALLENGE: Pray the Lord's Prayer over and over and over again this week to remind you that we need to be "stretchy" with one another.