About the Series

How do we cope with life's many challenges and the weight of sin's consequences? How does God work in the lives of the people He loves? The book of Isaiah answers these questions and many more as it takes us on a life-changing journey from warning to redemption, reminding us of a faithful God who never leaves us, and calling us to trust the Savior who breaks through the darkness and brings hope and new life.



#23: Forgiveness That Transforms

Dr. Stephen G. Tan | Isaiah 54:1-17

» Watch

Watch the sermon. As you watch, take notes on anything that stands out to you. Pay careful attention to the context of the biblical text, insights and principles highlighted, and any supporting scripture mentioned.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Cultivating forgiveness that transforms is understanding that:

- Forgiveness does not focus on wrongs
- Forgiveness allows for relationships
- Forgiveness is based on a promise
- Forgiveness anticipates change

» Talk It Through

1. Why do you think it's easier to accept an apology than to offer forgiveness? What makes it difficult to let go of an offense, especially when the person who hurt us doesn't seem to deserve another chance? Have you ever experienced someone continuing to bring up a mistake even after you've apologized or made things right? How did that affect you?
2. In Isaiah 54:8-10, God describes His love and mercy as everlasting, grounded in His covenant promise. What does this teach us about the nature of God's forgiveness? How is this different from the way people typically approach forgiveness?
3. The sermon reminds us that forgiveness is not a license to keep doing wrong, but an opportunity to change. When someone extends grace to you after you've made a mistake, how does that affect you? How do you usually respond to the forgiveness and second chances you've received from others and from God?
4. Jesus extended forgiveness to us before we could demonstrate that we had changed. How might this change the way we respond to people who have hurt us? Is there a specific relationship where you need to take a step toward forgiveness? What might you need to let go of or do differently, even if rebuilding trust will take time?

» Pray

Close your time together with prayer.

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