



The Seven-Mile Miracle Leader Guide

Session 1: Forgiveness

Mile 1- Golgotha: The Place of the Skull

“Open our eyes to the full extent of His forgiveness.”

Our journey through the seven last sayings of Jesus Christ begins at Golgotha, or “The Skull,” widely recognized as the ground where Jesus hung from the cross. It is here that Jesus Christ paid the debt that we could never pay, offering His life as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

“Father, forgive them even though they know exactly what they are doing.”

The first thing Jesus did was issue forgiveness in the face of His betrayers. Some of them were truly ignorant of the fact that they were crucifying the true Messiah that Israel had been waiting for. On the other hand, many of us today know exactly what we ought not to do, but we do it anyway. The miracle of Jesus’ forgiveness begins with an inclusive offer of His grace to everyone who has ever sinned against His Father.

“So many times when we sin, it’s not lack of knowledge- it’s lack of passion in our hearts.”

Think of those times you have known exactly what God wanted you to do, but you didn’t do it. Reflect on times when you were actively engaged in something you knew was wrong, but you did it anyway.

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“Forgiveness is setting a prisoner free and finding out the prisoner was me.”

Forgiveness is not only a defensive mechanism based on what we deserve but an offensive strategy to win the war against bitterness in our hearts. Unforgiveness, if ignored, has the potential to derail destinies and rob you of the person that God created you to be.

“If you don’t give it, I don’t believe you truly have it.”

If you don’t forgive, you haven’t been forgiven. When you embrace the forgiveness of Jesus Christ, you will flow in the freedom of His cross. He has forgiven and covered all of your sins and is shaping you into a new creation every day- a new creation that freely forgives just as Christ has forgiven you.

Read Like 23:32-34. For a deeper study, read Matthew 18:21-35 & Luke 16:1-15 as well.

Discussion Questions:

1. As Pastor Furtick stands and speaks at the Place of the Skull, what does “being there where Jesus walked” bring to your mind, and what does it cause you to feel?
2. During the video, Pastor Furtick mentioned that there were those to whom Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” But there were also those to whom He would say, “Father, forgive them even though they know exactly what they are doing.” Which category do you fall under? Why?

