

MBC C3 GROUP QUESTIONS  
WEEK 5 - 11/7/21

**Listen to, Learn about, and Love on on another**

Trust is defined as “belief that someone or something is reliable, good, honest, effective, etc.” (Merriam-Webster, accessed 11/5/21, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/trust>)

Read Proverbs 3:5-6. In your experience is it harder to trust in God or in others? Why? If you are comfortable, please share a situation in your past or present where you struggled with trust. You may be general and make-up names for confidentiality.

“5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV)

**Getting Started with a Warm-Up:**

1) Reflecting on Pastor Randy’s sermon on 11/7/21, which part was most impactful for you? Why?

2) How easy or difficult is it for you to forgive? Why do you think that is?

**Getting Down to Business:**

The following questions are following this format: Scripture/Observation, Application, and Prayer (SOAP).

1) Scripture/Observation:

A) Read Colossians 3:13-14, Ephesians 4:32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Recall from Pastor Randy’s sermon:

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- Forgiveness deals with the past;
- Reconciliation has to do with the present; and
- Trust has to do with the future.

Which do you think is more difficult, forgiving someone who has hurt you or trusting someone who has broken trust?

B) Once again, read Colossians 3:13-14 and compare it with 1 Peter 4:8. What role does love play in the process of forgiveness?

2) **Application:** Considering your experiences, Pastor Randy's sermon 11/7/21, these questions and the related verses from scripture, please answer the following questions:

A) How do you think our church family can become better at practicing forgiveness?

B) How can we do a better job teaching the children that we have influence over to practice forgiveness?

3) **Prayer:** "Lord, we thank you for the forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Please continue to teach us to forgive others like you forgave us. May we be motivated by love for you and for others. Amen."