Sermon Discussion Guide
Golden: Do Unto Others
Week 3: Unforgettable Relationships
Matthew 18:21-22 | September 27, 2020

Big Idea
We should forgive others the way God forgives us.

Opening Questions
Is there a person or experience you wish you could better remember? Is there one you wish you could forget?

General Sermon Questions
Our longest lasting memories are linked to intense emotions. Share a vivid memory of yours and an emotion linked to it. Did this impact your relationship with anyone? How?

Key Scripture Questions
1. Read **Genesis 4:23-24**. Lamech was a descendant of Cain who followed in his footsteps of reacting to hurt with violence. If you're willing to share, in what ways has your family and/or upbringing shaped the way you deal with pain?

2. How do we shift from our natural, learned response to hurt to a more Biblical, healthy one?

3. Read **Matthew 18:21-22**. Why is it important to continually forgive someone? Does this mean we should let people take advantage of us?

4. How does forgiveness affect a hurtful situation? How does it affect your heart? Share a positive experience you've had from forgiving someone.

5. Skim through **Matthew 18:23-35** and read **verses 32-35** together. What are the consequences of holding a grudge and not forgiving someone?

Concluding Questions
The sermon covered three questions useful for walking through the process of forgiveness: Who has wronged you? Do you want to forgive them? What step can you take today? If you're willing, answer the last two questions (not revealing who) with your group.

Application Questions
1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Beyond prayer for each other, is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?

Prayer Time
"Dear Heavenly Father, thank you for being a God of mercy. Please help us identify our hurts and give us the strength to forgive others as You have forgiven us."