

Forgive & Live Week 6

Confrontation as a Rescue Mission

A goal is something that you set out to do that you have a lot of _____ over the outcome.

A hope is something that you set out to do and you _____ have _____ over the outcome.

The goal of confrontation as a rescue mission is to give someone the _____ to escape the dungeon of sin and shame.

When we confront as a rescue mission, the hope is that they will _____.

Confrontation is our responsibility because:

1. Because _____ said so.
2. The Christians are _____ to confront.

Heart Checks for confronting

1. Are you wanting to _____ your emotions?
2. Are you trying to place _____?
3. Is your concern _____?
4. Are you using confrontation as a _____?

5. Are you _____ change/repentance?

It takes _____ and _____ to confront as a rescue mission.

Benefits of confrontation as a rescue mission:

1. Confrontation as a rescue mission can help _____ relationships.
2. Confrontation as a rescue mission is an impartation of _____ to the offender.

Steps of confrontation

1. Use _____ statements.
2. Begin with a _____ start up.
3. Identify the offending _____.
4. Explain how the behavior _____ you.
5. Take _____ for your part of the dance and ask for forgiveness.
6. Express _____ to your offender.
7. Tell your offender what you _____ _____ in the future.

Discussion Questions:

1. What did you notice as you did your homework this past week?
2. What do you think about the idea that confrontation can be a rescue mission? Did this idea make confrontation sound easier or harder? Why?
3. Common motives for confrontation include venting, blaming, insincere concern, punishment/revenge, or seeking repentance. What is your typical motive to confront?
4. If Jesus wants us to love our enemies why does he want us to confront them? Can we love our enemies and confront them at the same time?
5. What has confrontation looked like for you in the past? What did you learn tonight that would make confrontation look different in the future?
6. Are you ready to give up any of your case files? Which ones and why? Group leaders give each member a file folder for them to put their “evidence” in. Take those file folders to the fire pit and each group member put their folder in the fire as a way of giving the file to God.

Homework Activity: Write a rough draft letter of confrontation to your offender. If you feel comfortable, share that letter with another group member and ask for feedback. Do not send this letter without getting feedback first!

Steps of Forgiveness

1. Examine the hurt
2. Ask for forgiveness for your part of the dance
3. Gain compassion
4. Forsake revenge
5. Desire restoration
6. Confront

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