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Proverbs 14:15
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2 Samuel 12:7-14/ Romans 13:1-7

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Romans 12:17-21 & 1 Peter 2:21-23/ Ephesians 4:30-32 & Proverbs 2:21-23

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## SHARE IT



1. Which (if any) of the four myths about forgiveness in the message have you believed or struggled with the most in the past? Did this message challenge or reshape your perspective, and how?

2. Larry talked about praying a “prayer of permission” and allowing God to change us from the inside out. Have you ever experienced God changing your heart toward someone in a way you couldn’t have produced through willpower alone?

## LIVE IT



Let’s take a moment to reflect on the debt we ourselves have been forgiven. As a group, we are going to take Communion, which is essentially a symbolic practice that helps us remember what Jesus did to secure our forgiveness.

As you take the bread or cracker representing His body that was broken for you and the juice that represents the blood that He shed for you, remember the grace Jesus has shown you and ask God to help you “let go and let God” with the hurts you may still be carrying.

## COMMUNION

Communion is an opportunity to pause and remember who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and the hope we have because of Him. Through His death and resurrection, we have received grace, forgiveness, and new life.

This week, your Life Group will end by taking Communion together. Before you do, read through the verses below and reflect on Jesus’ love, sacrifice, and faithfulness.

Isaiah 53:3-6

Ephesians 2:4-9

Luke 22:19-20

**Take Communion with us this week!** If you are not in a Life Group and would like to take Communion with us, see [northcoastchurch.com/communion](http://northcoastchurch.com/communion) to follow along.