ALONE TOGETHER

FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

INTRO

- Context of Ephesians

EPHESIANS 4:32

I. The Makeup of True Forgiveness

- What it is not…
- "Forgive" = pardon, freely bestow
- Matthew 18:21-22

II. The Mess of True Forgiveness

- Obstacle #1: It requires humility
- Obstacle #2: The debt is real
- Obstacle #3: It doesn't guarantee change

*Jesus is our example.

III. The Means of True Forgiveness

- Put-off anger, bitterness, malice (v.31)
- Put-on kindness, tender-heartedness & forgiveness (v.32)

IV. The Motives of True Forgiveness

- **#1** We have been forgiven (v.32)
- **#2** We are to imitate God (5:1)
- **#3** The Spirit is at work in us (v.30)

Reflection Questions:

- Do you know Christ's forgiveness?
- Is there anyone you need to forgive?
- Is there anyone whom you need to seek forgiveness from?

Forgiveness is perhaps the most basic and essential quality that is to be reflected in the life of a Christian.

Notes

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