**Jesus Requires Hard Things**

**Forgiveness is hard**

**Tell some stories about when you’ve forgiven someone or been forgiven by someone.**

1. **Some argue that forgiveness should be unconditional. Do you agree? Give biblical support for your answer.**
2. **If a family member molests your child, does forgiveness require seeking a reconciled relationship with him/her? Can trust ever be totally restored in such cases?**
3. **Do you agree that apologizing is the world’s substitute for forgiveness? How does an apology differ from seeking forgiveness? How should we ask for forgiveness when we’ve sinned?**
4. **How should we handle repeat offenders? Give biblical support. What if you believe the offender’s “repentance” is a sham?**

Where the rubber meets the Road

**Eph 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

**The standard we are called to live up to is God’s, let’s consider how, in Christ, God forgives us.**

**Is God’s forgiveness unconditional?**

**Does God only offer forgiveness after repentance?**

**How does God handle repeat offenders?**

**Do you forgive as you’ve been forgiven? What are some things that hinder such forgiveness?**