

## Every Knee, Every Nation 1– Authority Over Our Past– Forgiveness

### Discussion & Reflection Questions

1. **“Authority on Earth”** – When Jesus said He has authority on earth to forgive sins, what do you think He wanted His listeners—and us—to understand about who He is?
2. **The Deeper Need** – In Matthew 9, Jesus begins by forgiving the man’s sins before healing his body. What might that reveal about how God prioritizes spiritual restoration over physical relief in our lives?
3. **Invisible vs. Visible Grace** – Jesus provided a visible miracle to prove an invisible mercy. How do you see God confirming His unseen work of forgiveness in your life or community today?
4. **Naming the Real Issue** – Billy mentioned that “sin grows best in the dark.” What helps you bring hidden struggles into the light, and what often keeps you silent?
5. **Receiving Forgiveness** – Many Christians believe in forgiveness but still live under guilt. What does it look like to not only believe you’re forgiven but to *walk* in that forgiveness?
6. **Practicing Forgiveness in Relationships** – How might the authority of Jesus over sin reshape the way you forgive others who have wronged you?
7. **Confession as Grace** – In what ways could confession become a regular rhythm of grace in your home, small group, or friendships?
8. **New Creation Power** – N.T. Wright says, “Forgiveness is the language of new creation.” How does receiving or extending forgiveness participate in God’s work of new creation?
9. **Response to Grace** – The crowd glorified God when they saw what Jesus did. What does genuine worship look like when it flows from gratitude for forgiveness?
10. **Authority and Mission** – Jesus’ authority to forgive becomes the foundation for the Great Commission. How does knowing you are forgiven equip you to share the gospel with confidence?