

GOD'S PLAN OF FORGIVENESS

Part 2: Developing a Biblical Theology of Forgiveness

Lesson 1 – Forgiveness Begins With Sin

Class Handout

Sin Destroys Peace and Unity

- Consequences for the Offender

- Impacts upon the Offended

It Must be *Real Sin*

- Logs and Pride and merely *perceived* sin
 - Matthew 7:3-5

 - James 4:1-8

- Begin with self-examination

Offense “Categories”

- Category #1 Real Sin

- Category #2 Overlookable Minor Offense
 - Col 3:13

 - Prov 19:11

 - Eph 4:1-3

 - Eph 4:32

 - 1 Pet 4:8

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- Love, Grace, and Jesus' parable (Matthew 18:21-35)
- Bearing With One Another (Col 3:13)
- Category #3 Confrontable Serious Offense
 - Matthew 18:15-17
 - A test to discern Category #2 (Overlookable) vs. Category #3 (Confrontable)

Testing the Appropriate Response: A Flow Chart

