This week, we will consider forgiveness of others as a lens to learn more about God's forgiveness of us!

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

-Psalm 103:12

How do I ask forgiveness when I was wronged too?

Read Psalm 103.

What observations can you make?

How does God treat us after He forgives us?

- 1. God satisfies us with good (Psalm 103:5)
- 2. God's character is slow to <u>anger</u> and abounding in <u>love</u> (Psalm 103:8)
- 3. God does not <u>define</u> us by our sins (Psalm 103:10)
- 4. God's love is <u>immeasurable</u> (Psalm 103:11)
- 5. God <u>removes</u> our sins entirely (Psalm 103:12)
- 6. God is a compassionate <u>Father</u> (Psalm 103:13)

Final comments:

- 1. Accountability helps (Philemon 1, 22)
- 2. Forgiveness portrays the gospel (Philemon 6)
- 3. Goal in confronting sin is NOT to feel <u>justified</u> (Matthew 18:15-20)
- 4. Goal is to offer <u>forgiveness</u> and make <u>restoration</u> (Matthew 18:15-20) if you're not going prepared to forgive, then why are you going to confront?
- We must regularly CHOOSE <u>compassion</u> and <u>forgiveness</u> rather than <u>bitterness</u> and <u>anger</u> (Ephesians 4:31-32)