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2 Corinthians 2:5-11 - Kevin Sneed

1. Forgiveness can be defined as *“giving up the right to revenge and grudges.”*
How has this definition of forgiveness shaped you personally for better or for worse over the years?

2. Read verse 5. How might the entire church suffer the effects if an individual’s sin is not dealt with directly?

3. Read verses 6-8. In these verses Paul offers threefold counsel for church discipline for the health of a community of faith.
 - Confrontation (v.6)–Why does confrontation matter to a community built on forgiveness? Discuss the difference between judgment and a judgmental attitude as it relates to a healthy correction for sin?

 - Forgiveness and Comfort (v. 7)–Why does forgiving (giving freely) and comforting matter for church discipline in the community?

 - Restoration (v.8)–Why is public reaffirmation so important to complete the cycle of church discipline?

4. What are some of the realities and dangers for a church when they embark on the important work of discipline?

5. Jesus in Matthew 18 gives us clear teaching on forgiveness. Which of these themes speak to you most when you consider forgiveness in your personal relationships?

- Humility (vv. 1-5)
- Harmony (vv. 6-9)
- Pursuit (vv. 10-14)
- Confrontation (vv. 15-20)
- Warning for not forgiving (vv. 21-35)

6. Share a personal situation where forgiveness may need to be granted or asked in your life? How can your community group encourage you to take the right next step?