

## MAKE UP WORK

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**Multiple Choice:** (Circle the correct answer.)

1. In Luther's time, people thought they could overcome their sin
  - a. by beating their dog.
  - b. by running around the block.
  - c. by joining a religious order.
  - d. by eating less junk food.
  
2. When we show mercy to another person
  - a. they sure better notice it!
  - b. we are passing on the mercy God shows us.
  - c. we really deserve to get our name in the church bulletin.
  - d. we are definitely going to mention it at dinner.
  
3. The lack of forgiveness on our planet
  - a. leads to wars that can last years and years.
  - b. is not something I need to care about.
  - c. started with dinosaur fights.
  - d. is hardly worth noticing.
  
4. Luther struggled with his own sin. When he could not simply will away his own sinfulness
  - a. he took it out on the Roman Catholic church.
  - b. he begged the Pope to take away his sins.
  - c. he wrote a bunch of Lutheran hymns and felt better.
  - d. he accepted God's grace and passed this good news of God's unconditional forgiveness on to us.
  
5. It's hardest to forgive someone
  - a. who really, really bugs me.
  - b. who got something I deserved.
  - c. when I don't pray first.
  - d. all of the above.
  
6. We confess our sins and ask for forgiveness in church
  - a. because we have to do something before the sermon.
  - b. in order to remember that we need God's forgiveness.
  - c. once a year on the twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost.
  - d. because it makes us look more righteous.
  
7. God will forgive us
  - a. if God's not busy forgiving someone else.
  - b. if we ask on our hands and knees.
  - c. if we promise never to do it again.
  - d. no matter what!

## Handbook Connection

In *The Lutheran Handbook*, read "How to Forgive Someone" (pages 101-102). List the 5 steps to forgiving someone:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Read "The Fifth Petition" on page 211 in *The Lutheran Handbook*. Fill in the blanks:

We ask in the prayer that our \_\_\_\_\_ would not regard our \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ these petitions on their account, for we are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ for which we ask, nor have we \_\_\_\_\_ it. Instead we ask that God would \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_, for we sin \_\_\_\_\_ and indeed earn only \_\_\_\_\_. So, on the other hand, we, too, truly want to \_\_\_\_\_ and do \_\_\_\_\_ to those who \_\_\_\_\_ against us.

List 3 occasions where you have recently been forgiven:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **Bible Connection**

Read the parable in Matthew 18:21-34

How many times does Jesus say we should forgive another?

Is this an exact number?

What was the first servant offense for which he was forgiven?

What did this same servant fail to do?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.

Where does our power to forgive come from?

Read Isaiah 2:2-4

Is forgiveness practices only between individuals?

## **Closing Questions**

What is it costing you to hold a grudge against someone?

Do you get frustrated with the things about yourself you can't seem to forgive?  
Have you ever asked God to help?