

6. Review Hebrews 12:24. On what basis does God say to us, "You don't owe me anymore."?

7. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to *know* and what you need to *do* in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

IN YOUR GROUP

TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the **bold** questions above. In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2020

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MESSAGE NOTES PAID IN FULL

TODAY: FORGIVENESS • HEBREWS 12:18-19

THE BOTTOM LINE

**FORGIVENESS SAYS, "YOU DON'T _____
ME _____."**

You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness...

– Hebrews 12:24a NLT

FORGIVENESS IS **NOT**

ANGER SAYS, "YOU _____ ME!"

For more, see *It Came from Within!*:

The Shocking Truth of What Lurks in the Heart by Andy Stanley.

HEBREWS 12 NLT

18 You have not come to a **physical** mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at **Mount Sinai**.

22a No, you have come to **Mount Zion**, to the city of the living God, the **heavenly** Jerusalem,

21 **Moses** himself was so **frightened** at the sight that he said, "I am terrified and trembling."

22b and to countless thousands of angels in a **joyful** gathering.

24a You have come to **Jesus**, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people,

24c instead of crying out for **vengeance** like the blood of **Abel**.

24b and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of **forgiveness**

But the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen!
Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!"
— Genesis 4:10 NLT

Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One
who is speaking. — Hebrews 12:25a NLT

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IN COMMUNION WE CELEBRATE THAT GOD HAS SAID
TO US, "YOU DON'T OWE ME ANYMORE!"

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the
bread and drink from the cup. — 1 Corinthians 11:28 NIV

This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.
— 1 Corinthians 11:24 MSG

This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever
you drink it, in remembrance of me.
— 1 Corinthians 11:25 NIV

THE CHALLENGE

_____ trying to collect on a _____
that has already been _____.

ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.

1. **With which idea is it easiest to confuse forgiveness: ignoring, condoning, tolerating, or reconciling? How is forgiveness different from that?**
2. Think of the last time you got angry. In what way does it fit into the pattern of saying, "You owe me!"? (Hint: sometimes the "you" can be abstract or divine.)
3. Think of a time when you've forgiven someone. What "debt" was owed you that were you deciding not to collect?
4. **Read Matthew 18:21-35. How does God's cancelling our "debt" lead us to be a more forgiving people?**
5. In the reprinted grid of Hebrews 12 above, draw a line between the parallel contrasts in bold. For example, you would draw a line between Mount Sinai and Mount Zion. (Hint: Jesus is contrasted with two Old Testament figures.)