

“Bring Your Guilt to the Cross”

This set of questions is based on Mike’s sermon preached April 19.

1. If it’s not too painful or embarrassing, tell of a time when you thought someone would never be able to forgive you for what you had done. Did you seek their forgiveness? How did things turn out?
2. Consider the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32). Use your imagination to retell the story. Suppose that the son, there among the pigs, decides that he has burned his bridges, that there is no way his father could ever receive him back. In shame, he resolves never again to show his face to his family. How does this modified story end for the younger son? for the father? for the older son?
3. Read Hebrews 6:4–6 and 10:26–27. Do these scriptures teach that there are some sins God will not forgive? Do they teach that God will forgive us only a limited number of times? Of what exactly do you think these passages warn us?