

**Pacific Growth Group – Sermon Questions**  
**Week of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026,**  
**Sermon Series: Christ Above All**  
**Theme: “Even When It Hurts!”**  
**Primary Text(s): Colossians 3:12-17**

1. **Read Colossians 3:12-17.**
2. The sermon began by acknowledging that emotional wounds often linger. *Why do you think some hurts stay with us long after the event has passed?*
3. Paul calls believers God's holy people and invites them to put on Christlike character. *How does remembering who you are in Christ affect the way you respond when someone hurts you?*
4. Paul says, “Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” *Why is God's forgiveness of us the foundation for forgiving others?*
5. The sermon taught that forgiveness is sustained by love, peace, and allowing the message of Christ to fill our lives. *Which of those do you need most right now, and why?*
6. *Which of these is most challenging for you: forgiving gratefully, wisely, trustingly, freely, or dependently, and why?*
7. In the sermon, we heard the story of Immaculée Ilibagiza, who lost much of her family during the Rwandan genocide. Reflecting on her journey toward forgiveness, she wrote, “I took a crucial step toward forgiving the killers that day. My anger was draining from me—I'd opened my heart to God, and He'd touched it with His infinite love. For the first time, I pitied the killers. I asked God to forgive their sins and turn their souls toward His beautiful light.”
  - a. *What do you think her story teaches us about forgiveness and the work of God in our lives?*
8. *Is there a person, situation, or relationship that the Holy Spirit brought to mind during this sermon? What might God be prompting you to do next?*
9. Paul says that whatever we do or say, we are to represent Jesus. *How might choosing forgiveness change the way people experience Jesus through your life?*