



THE
PRESBYTERIAN
COLLEGE
MONTREAL

LE
COLLÈGE
PRESBYTÉRIEN
MONTRÉAL

FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION – AN ONLINE STUDY

Dates: May 12 – June 23, 2022 (6 week study with no study May 26th)

Time: Thursdays beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Teaching time: 1 hr 15 minutes. (7:00 – 8:15 p.m.)

Discussion time: 25 minutes (8:15 – 8:40 p.m.)

or

Local breakout groups: 45 minutes (8:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

Location: Zoom link to be forwarded each week

Instructor: **The Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries** is Principal of The Presbyterian College, Montreal, formerly serving as Director of Pastoral Studies from 2015-2021. He completed his PhD at McGill University in the areas of Theology and Ethics, and has also served as a congregational pastor at Westminster and then at Kensington Presbyterian Church in Montreal.

Study Outline:

Note that specific readings (where indicated) will be sent out the week of the relevant study.

Session Date	Topics	Reading	Questions
Thursday May 12th	Everyday Language of forgiveness	Matthew 18:21-35 Anthony Bash, <i>Just Forgiveness</i> , Introduction (Pages tbd)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How do we speak of forgiveness in everyday life?• What vocabulary do we use? What does it mean?

Thursday May 19th	Impossible Forgiveness?	Matthew 18:21-35 And introduction to Postmodernism.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can a gift be given? • Is forgiveness a gift? • Why might forgiveness be impossible?
Thursday, June 2nd	Old Testament and Covenant Forgiveness	Exodus 32-34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does forgiveness develop in the Old Testament? • Does God both forgive and judge, together? • Forgiveness and covenant
Thursday, June 9th	Jesus and the Way of Forgiveness	Luke 6:27-42 Luke 11:1-13 Luke 23:26-46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did Jesus teach about forgiveness? • Does God always forgive us? • Are there conditions for forgiveness?
Thursday, June 16th	Faces of Forgiveness	https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/eight_keys_to_forgiveness This article is from Robert Enright on forgiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does therapy relate to forgiveness? • How do our faces participate in forgiveness • How does empathy shape forgiveness.
Thursday, June 23rd	Mission of Reconciliation	2 Corinthians 5:11-21 Pattaya Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the church's mission? • What is reconciliation? • What is the mission of reconciliation?