

Donald Kraybill, "Imitating God: Nickel Mines, Forgiveness, and Yoder," pages 1-13

1. Grapple with some of the questions raised by the issue of forgiveness. Does forgiveness mean pardon? Must a perpetrator apologize before a victim forgives? Does forgiveness bring reconciliation?
2. What's the difference between forgiveness, apology, and reconciliation? Should Christian forgiveness include reconciliation? That is, will it be impossible to reconcile with God if we can't reconcile with each other?
3. Scripture says the sins of fathers will no longer be perpetrated on their children. The Amish forgave the shooter's family even though none of them was involved in the crime. To what extent, if any, is the family of a criminal responsible for his or her actions?
4. What do you think about Yoder's claim that, unless we forgive, God won't forgive us? Is there a limit to the extent of God's forgiveness? Why or why not?