

31st ANNUAL ND DISTRICT MEN'S WINTER RETREAT

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Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads, St. John, ND

Flowing From the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness

Presenter:

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Forgiveness is the one gift we absolutely need from God. We might spend more time asking for other things like health, wisdom, and even money. But we wouldn't be anywhere near God without forgiveness. Without forgiveness, we're His enemies and objects of His wrath. But with forgiveness, we're His loved children, adopted and saved for eternity.

But what exactly is forgiveness? It's an easy word to say, but hard to pin down. The Bible has many images for forgiveness and six of those images are the essence of the book, *Flowing From the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness*. We'll look at three pairs of contrasting pictures of forgiveness: Clean and Covered, Fixed and Far, Many and One. While those might not all be clear at first glance, they make a wonderful six-sided cube that reflects, like the facets of a diamond, the riches of God's forgiveness. Dr. Paavola uses a wooden cube made of six different hardwoods to illustrate the nature of forgiveness. It's all one forgiveness won on the hard wood of the cross, but we can study together the six unique dimensions of forgiveness as it works in our lives.

Daniel Paavola grew up on the family dairy farm 4 miles west of New York Mills, Minnesota. He went to Minnesota State University at Moorhead for a degree in English and Phy. Ed. and then on to Concordia Theological Seminary for his Masters of Divinity degree. He continued on to Princeton Theological Seminary for a Master's Degree in Theology and concluded with a Ph.D. in Exegetical Theology from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He was a pastor for twelve years at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Butternut, Wisconsin, a 400-person town in the deep north woods. He then moved to teach theology at Concordia University Wisconsin in 1996. He has written several books for Concordia Publishing House, including a commentary on the Gospel of Mark, 2013, a book on the Lord's Prayer, *Our Way Home*, 2017, and a book on biblical themes, *Patience and Perfection*, 2018. A study on the key themes of Lutheranism, *Grace, Faith, Scripture: Portrait of a Lutheran* was published by CPH in 2019 and a study of forgiveness, *Flowing from the Cross: Six Facets of God's Forgiveness*, will be published in November, 2020. Dan and Holly were married in 1979 and have three children, Christy, Steve, and Nicole, in their thirties. His hobbies include motorcycling, woodworking, and driving their 1917 Model T Ford car.

For 30 years men have enjoyed the camaraderie of these retreats—thought-provoking Scripture-based presentations, fellowship, music, good food, card games, skeet shooting, etc. Father & son duos are encouraged to come.

Begins with supper Friday at 6:00 P.M. & ends about 2:00 P.M. Saturday

Cost – \$100

Includes: 3 meals, lodging, speaker, snacks, games, fireside chats, etc.

Bring: Bible, bed roll, personal items, warm clothing, & friends

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