



Message Outline

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Matthew 18:21-35

FORGIVENESS: God Pays It Forward

Forgiveness is extravagant _____ and not a calculation _____

Forgiveness is liberating _____

- Sets us free _____ before God _____
- Sets others free _____ from us _____
- Sets us free _____ from our own prison _____

Unforgiveness is like drinking poison _____ and expecting it to harm others _____

Jesus expects forgiven _____ people to be forgiving _____ people

Why is forgiveness so difficult?

- We think it is a sign of weakness _____
- We have misconceptions of forget _____
- We think it voids consequences _____
- We are bound by shame _____
- We forget what we've been given _____



HomeGroup Questions

Winter Session 2019

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1. To live with people means we need to become good at forgiveness. Which is harder to forgive: A co-worker who eats your lunch... or a neighbor who plays loud music late at night?

2. Read Matthew 18:21-35 and review the outline. What stood out to you?

3. What do you think prompted Peter's question (vs. 21)? What answer do you think Peter expected from Jesus to his question?

4. Robb mentioned that offenders in Jesus' day were forgiven up to 3 times: a 4th offense didn't need to be forgiven. What does Jesus' response to Peter's question reveal about forgiveness in the Kingdom?

5. When we refuse mercy toward others, what impact does it have on us? Additionally, how is holding onto unforgiveness like drinking poison and expecting it to affect others?

6. Do we forgive others SO God will forgive us ... or does God forgive us SO we will forgive others? Explain.

7. Read the section right before this one (Matt 18:15-20). How does this complement and expand on what Jesus teaches in this parable?

8. How do we forgive others without encouraging irresponsibility?

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.