

COMMUNITY GROUP GUIDE

POINT OF VIEW Message Series

Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

For the week of March 9

Read Matthew 18:21-22

1. Peter asks Jesus about the limits of forgiveness, suggesting seven times. Can you recall a time when you found it difficult to forgive someone? How did you handle it, and what was the outcome?
2. How does viewing forgiveness as an ongoing process change how you might interact with someone who has hurt you?

Read Matthew 18:23-27

The king forgives a servant's enormous debt. This act of mercy reflects God's character.

3. What does it teach us about the magnitude of God's forgiveness towards us?
4. How can acknowledging the grace we have received from God help us in forgiving others?

Read Matthew 18:28-35

5. How can the lessons from this parable be applied to situations in our own lives where forgiveness is difficult?
6. Can you identify a situation when holding onto unforgiveness affected your happiness?
7. How can holding onto unforgiveness affect our spiritual and emotional well-being?

Thinking of the bottom line, "Forgiveness is not optional."

8. Why is it important to understand that forgiveness does not necessarily mean the restoration of a relationship?
9. How does Jesus' teaching in this parable challenge the way you've been brought up to understand forgiveness?

Listed are the practical steps of working towards forgiveness as outlined in the sermon:

- Acknowledge the hurt and pain.
- Process thoughts and feelings.
- Be aware of the grace received from God.
- Remember the command to forgive.

10. Which step is hardest for you? Which step is easiest for you?

Close by praying for each other to know the depth of God's forgiveness in your own lives, so you can in turn extend that to others.



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