

Small Group Discussion Guide
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Parables: What Jesus Really Thinks
“Unforgiving Servant: Forgiveness the Only Option”
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Welcome

- Have you ever felt that someone behaved insensitively to a circumstance you were in? Or reacted negatively to an idea you value? Or cut you off on the road while you were driving? How did that make you feel?
- Were you able to come to some resolution? If so, how?

Word

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35.
 - a. Peter questions Jesus about how many times he should forgive someone who has offended him.
 - b. What was Jesus' response?
2. Read Matthew 18:22-26. To illustrate that forgiveness was more than just a numbers game, Jesus told this story.
 - a. Who were the main players?
 - b. What was the issue?
 - c. How did the king respond to the servant who could not pay his debt?
3. Read verses 28-35.
 - a. After being forgiven, what did the servant do?
 - b. What was the response of the king who had forgiven this servant?
 - c. In verse 35, how did Jesus apply this story to those of us who will not forgive?

Weave

This week consider these four things that show us what the Kingdom of God looks like:

1. Full of compassion.
2. When you ask forgiveness of the King, you will get it.
3. Forgiveness received should mean forgiveness shared.
4. The power to forgive does not originate with us, it originates with the King.

Since the survival of any relationship depends upon forgiveness, this week prayerfully consider people in your circle of relationships you need to forgive. Ask God to empower you to forgive.