

What Forgiveness is and isn't (Matthew 18:15-35)

Forgiveness Series

Discussion Questions

- **Where have you seen someone model forgiveness?**
 - What were the circumstances?
 - How did it encourage you to show forgiveness?

- **Read Matthew 18:21-22**
 - How many times did Jesus say we must forgive?
 - What was Jesus saying about forgiveness?

- **Read Matthew 20:23-27**
 - Have you ever been released from a debt?
 - How did that make you feel?

- **Read Matthew 20:28-35**
 - What did the forgiven servant do to the one who owed him?
 - How did that contrast from how he had been treated?
 - How did the master feel about the servant who failed to offer forgiveness after having received it himself?

- **What forgiveness is:**
 - How would you define forgiveness?
 - Read Ephesians 4:32. What does this verse tell us about what forgiveness is?
 - Have you received the forgiveness of God in Christ?
 - How has that changed how you forgive others?

- **Discuss some ways we often misunderstand forgiveness.**
What forgiveness isn't:
 - It's not Forgive and Forget
 - It's not Tolerating Further Wrongdoing
 - It's not the same as Reconciliation
 - It's not dismissing Justice

- **Is there someone you need to forgive and how can we pray for you?**