

Power to Forgive
Matthew 18:21-35

How can you continue to forgive someone who sins against you?

- I. The mercy of God
 - A. The enormous debt of sin (v. 23-25)
 - B. The immeasurable mercy of God (v. 26-27; Matt. 9:36)
- II. The justice of man
 - A. The refusal to forgive (v. 28-30)
 - B. What triumphs?
- III. The intersection of mercy and justice
 - A. The God of justice (v. 31-35)
 - B. Mercy and justice meet at the cross

Application Guide:

1. Is there someone who you struggle to forgive? Why?
2. How have you experienced the mercy of God? Why does your experience of God's mercy depend on you recognizing the enormous debt of your sin?
3. Does mercy or justice usually triumph in your life? When someone has sinned against you, are you more eager to forgive or make them pay for what they did to you?
4. How does the intersection of mercy and justice at the cross empower you to forgive those who are hard to forgive?