

**PRAY LIKE JESUS:**  
*Learning to Pray With Eyes Open*  
**Matthew 6:12-15**  
**Sunday, August 5, 2018**  
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*...and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.*  
(v. 12)

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- **What is a “debt” and what does it mean to be forgiven?**  
*...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*  
(2 Corinthians 5:19, 21)
  
  - **How are we forgiven?**  
*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*  
(Romans 3:23-25)
  

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  - **Who are our debtors?**  
*See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled...*  
(Hebrews 12:15)

- **How are we to forgive?**

*Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, "I repent," you must forgive him. (Luke 17:3-4)*

## **What is Jesus really saying in verse 12?**

*The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)*

1. We are all \_\_\_\_\_ in need of forgiveness.
2. As sinners, we have \_\_\_\_\_ for forgiveness.
3. God is \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive our sin.
4. God's kingdom is \_\_\_\_\_ different than the kingdoms of this world.

## **Living Forgiven – Matthew 18:21-35**

*Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.” (vv. 21-22)*

*Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants... (v. 23)*

*“You wicked servant! I forgave all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debts. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart. (vv. 32-35)*

**Legend:**

Forgive us our debts

As we also have forgiven our debtors

We are all sinners in need of forgiveness.

As sinners, we have hope for forgiveness.

God is willing to forgive our sin.

God's kingdom is radically different than the kingdoms of this world.

**TRAIN READING PLAN: August 5-11**

-Proverbs 22; Matthew 6

-Proverbs 23; Matthew 7

-Proverbs 24; Matthew 8

-Proverbs 25; Matthew 9

-Proverbs 26; Matthew 10

**TRAIN MEMORY VERSES: August**

*“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16)*

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