

In a Word - Forgiveness

Discussion Questions:

Questions asked in the message:

- On a scale of 1-8, how good are you at forgiveness? What is standing between you and 1 number higher? Who is standing between you and 1 number higher?
- Have I been forgiven of my unpayable sin debt?
- How much do I love? In other words, how do I view my forgiveness?
- Who am I holding a debt over? Who do I need to forgive?
- Is there anyone I need to apologize to, asking forgiveness for a past wrong and assisting them in forgiving me? Is my lack of apology putting someone at risk of judgement for not forgiving?

Additional Questions:

- What is the most difficult part of forgiveness for you? Why do you think that is?
- Does your sense of fairness or justice get challenged by forgiveness? How do you reconcile that struggle?
- Is forgiveness an event or a process? Explain your answer and thoughts?
- If you said forgiveness is a process, is there an “acceptable” amount of time for that process to take place in? As in, can forgiveness take too long?
- What is the hardest thing (person, event, offense, etc) you have ever had to forgive? How did you do it?
- In the story of Simon the Pharisee and the prostitute, who are you more like in your view of (and response to) your forgiveness? Why?
- Jesus was often called the friend of sinners because the people he spent time with were known for their sin in that culture (tax collectors, prostitutes, etc). If Jesus were to come today and make friends in 2022 that resulted in religious leaders calling him a friend of sinners, what kind of people do you think he is surrounding himself with today? Who are today’s “sinners” according to the religious establishment?