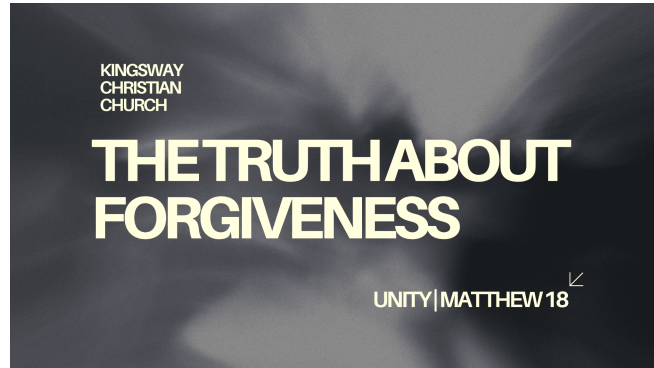


Connect Group Guide: "The Truth About Forgiveness | Matthew 18"



Passage: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Link: <https://youtu.be/-mrmp1rScU?si=mLLBpbB21n9lYJoo>

Welcome:

(Choose a question for your group to discuss)

- Do you think forgiving and forgetting are the same thing?

Worship:

(You may choose to use YouTube or other mediums to facilitate your time of worship)

-  Goodness Of God (LIVE) - Jenn Johnson | VICTORY

Word:

(Discuss these questions in your group, encourage everyone to take part)

Before reading the scripture:

- Why is forgiveness important?
- What can make it difficult to forgive?
- Is it ever ok not to forgive?

Read: Matthew 6:14

- What does this verse tell us about how serious Jesus feels about forgiveness?

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

- If we think we can work our way towards God, or pay our sin's debt on our own, we are fooling ourselves. Discuss...
- Why do you think the man who owed 10 000 bags of gold asked the King for patience? Do you think he would have been able to repay his debt with more time?
- "Forgiveness does not mean that actions go without consequence." Do you agree?
- The end goal of forgiveness is reconciliation. Can you think of an example where forgiveness brought reconciliation is a close personal relationship?
- How do we reconcile verse 35 with God being both loving and just?
 - Why is forgiveness so important to God?

Works:

(Take some time for personal reflecting on the following questions and then share back with the group)

- Who is God calling you to forgive?
- How can you ask the Holy Spirit for help with forgiveness?

Closing:

(Remember to ask for prayer requests.)

Take some time to pray for someone who came to mind during conversations today.

