

Outline for Sunday, October 8, 2023
AM
God, A Self-portrait: A Study of the Parables
"You Want Me to do What?"
Text: Matthew 18:21-35

Big Idea: *Forgiveness, for the people of God, sets us apart from the world and gives evidence of the work of God in us.*

There are two things I want us to note in this text.

- I. The Christian understanding of forgiveness differs remarkably from the world's understanding and demands a life of perpetual forgiveness. (18:21-22)*
- II. Our own experience of grace informs and animates our extension of forgiveness. (18:23-35)*

Conclusion:

As the people of God we are called to a life of perpetual forgiveness. We can do this because we have experienced the grace of God. We forgive because we are forgiven. I am forgiven by the grace of God and it is by the grace of God I forgive others. Relationships are work. I am responsible before God to do all within my power to be right with others. That will demand a life of forgiveness and grace.