



Radical Forgiveness

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Before you begin, please read Matthew 18:21-35

1. Describe someone you'd describe as a forgiving person. What stands out to you about them?
2. Why is forgiveness so important to practice? (Think about what it leads to, or the dangers of NOT being a forgiving person.)
3. What makes forgiveness difficult?
4. Parables are vivid stories that drive home one primary point. In your own words, briefly summarize what Jesus says in 2-3 sentence.
5. How does Matthew 18:23-27 portray our need for forgiveness? (Or, stated another way, how is our sin comparable to the debt that the servant could never repay?)
6. What stands out to you about God's offer of forgiveness? What difference can this make in your own life?
7. When the power of God's forgiving grace takes root in our heart, it changes us from the inside out. How is Matthew 18:28-34 a picture of how NOT to respond to God's offer of forgiveness?
8. Jesus concludes this parable by calling us to forgive others, "from your heart" (Matthew 18:35). Why is that phrase "from your heart" so important to keep in mind?
9. What practical tips should be kept in mind as we seek to be people that model radical forgiveness? (Reflect on what was shared in the sermon, or other lessons you've learned personally about this.)
10. Two questions were asked at the end of the sermon. Reflect on each of these personally. Share one thing with your group that God is laying on your heart, as you reflect on these:
 - Have I received God's forgiveness?
 - Is there someone to whom I need to extend forgiveness?