

Forgiven

Matthew 18:21-27: We are Forgiven Much

1. What specific sins did you write down (or would have written) during the exercise? How did it feel to acknowledge these sins specifically rather than in general terms?
2. The sermon mentions that Jesus equates anger and lust with murder and adultery. How does this perspective change your view of sin in your life?
3. Think about the metaphor of the 10,000 talents (equivalent to \$36 billion). What emotions arise when you consider the magnitude of this debt as representing your own sin before God?
4. How often do you truly marvel at God's forgiveness? Has familiarity with the gospel story diminished your sense of wonder at what Jesus did?
5. The king in the parable absorbed an enormous financial loss to forgive the debt. How does this help you understand what it cost God to forgive you?
6. The sermon states, "The cost is great but it has been paid." How might truly believing this truth change how you live daily?
7. In what areas of your life might you be holding onto guilt for sins that God has already forgiven?
8. How has your understanding of God's forgiveness affected your willingness to forgive others who have wronged you?
9. The sermon references "saying yes" to God, to your debt, to Jesus, and to following Him. Which of these four "yeses" do you find most challenging to embrace, and why?
10. The sermon mentions that Satan makes us think "maybe you're not as bad as you think." How have you noticed this tendency in your own spiritual journey?
11. How might regularly remembering the cost of your forgiveness impact your worship and gratitude toward God?
12. What specific steps can you take this week to live in the freedom of being forgiven rather than in guilt or shame?
13. Who in your life needs to hear the message that their debt has been paid? How might you share this with them?

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Small Group Discussion Guide **We are Forgiven Much (Matthew 18:21-27)**

Opening (5-10 minutes)

1. What stood out to you most from today's sermon? Was there anything that particularly challenged or encouraged you?

Understanding the Text (15-20 minutes)

2. Read Matthew 18:21-27 together. What does Jesus teach about forgiveness through this parable?
3. The sermon mentioned that 10,000 talents represented an "infinite" or impossible debt to repay (equivalent to \$36 billion today). How does this help us understand the magnitude of our sin before God?
4. In the parable, the king had three responses to the servant: compassion, release, and forgiveness. How do these three elements work together in God's response to our sin?

Personal Application (20-25 minutes)

5. The sermon had us write down our sins and bring them to the cross. Share (as you feel comfortable) how this exercise impacted you. Was it difficult to acknowledge your sin in this tangible way?
6. How might truly understanding the magnitude of our forgiveness change how we respond to others who sin against us?
7. The king absorbed an enormous cost to forgive the debt. In what ways does this help us understand Christ's sacrifice more deeply?

Response (10-15 minutes)

9. The sermon mentions four "yeses": Yes to God, yes to your debt, yes to Jesus, yes to following Him. Which of these do you find most challenging in your walk with Christ?
10. How might our small group help each other live in light of the forgiveness we've received?
11. What is one practical way you can remind yourself this week of the cost Jesus paid for your forgiveness?

Prayer (5-10 minutes)

12. In light of our discussion, what specific things can we pray for each other about?