

5/20/18 | The Unmerciful Servant



"For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great."

—Psalm 25:11 | NIV

DISCUSSION

1. Has someone ever frustrated you to the point that you dealt tersely with others who had done nothing wrong?
2. Has someone ever pleased you to the point that you dealt graciously with others who had done nothing right?
3. Consider this quote. What does it mean to you? Is it true? Why or why not? What does it have to do with the sermon and parable?

Not forgiving is like drinking rat poison
and then waiting for the rat to die.

—Anne Lamott

Being Forgiven

4. What stood out to you from the parable? What stood out to you from the sermon?
5. As you read Romans 5:6-10, notice the words used to describe us. What must it have been like for Christ to die for the ungodly? How hard do you think it was for God to forgive His enemies? What do you think your size of debt to God was?
6. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What did God forgive us from? Could we have done anything to gain salvation if He hadn't forgiven us? How does that make you feel? How can you show your gratitude toward God in your daily life?

Forgiving Others

7. Read Matthew 6:12-15. What are we supposed to pray to God?

8. What does this mean we are doing? Why is it so important to God that we forgive others?

9. Which comes first, us forgiving others or God forgiving us? Does it matter?

10. Read Mark 2:7. In light of this verse, what can mortal forgiveness accomplish?

11. 1 John 4:19-20 talks about loving others because of God's love for us. Could this apply to forgiveness as well?

12. Read Acts 7:57-60. Consider this example. Have you ever been wronged to the point that Stephen was? What can you learn about forgiveness from his example?

13. In light of these verses, how do you want to treat others? Why?

TAKE AWAY: This is my chance!