

November 3, 2019

Matthew 18:21-35

"Forgiveness"

INTRODUCTION

1. THE QUESTION

2. THE ANSWER

3. THE PROBLEM

4. THE WARNING

For discussion in small groups and personal reflection:

1. Read the parable again and make as many observations as you can relating to our situation. Who is the King? Who is the servant? Who is the other servant thrown into prison? What does the King do?
2. Relate that to your own relationship with God and others? What has God done for you? What debt did you owe? What does that mean for your relationship with others?
3. Read Ephesians 2:1-9 and suggest connections between Paul's teaching and the parable.
4. Why is "Well, they did a lot of good work so we shouldn't be so mad" a problem in dealing with our issue and for the gospel in general?
5. Why is having a clear understanding of the size of the debt forgiven important? How is that different than "shaming" a person?
6. Have you forgiven your sister from your heart or are you still having trouble with that?