



MESSAGE REVIEW

In a world filled with darkness and disunity, the Church should stand out as a bright light. What sets us apart from a world holding a grudge is the forgiveness we offer others. Jesus knew this wouldn't be easy for us but, through the power of the gospel, provides us a way. Forgiveness is remembering how Jesus forgave us and then offering that to others.

WARM UP QUESTION

What do you procrastinate doing?

1 **Read Matthew 18:21-27.** Describe the scene, taking a quick skim of the first part of Matthew 18. What do you think motivates Peter to ask his question of Jesus? What is at the heart of Jesus' response to him?

2 Jesus uses a parable to further drive home forgiveness. What words describe the predicament of the servant in vs. 24-27. Have you ever come to a point(s) in your relationship with God when you felt like the servant in v. 26?

3 The servant still thinks he can pay the king back. Instead of granting him more time, what does the king do instead? Why? How is this story a picture of the Kingdom of Heaven (v. 23)?

4 **Read Matthew 18:28-35.** What in the world happens immediately upon being forgiven by the king? Who takes up the cause of the man thrown in jail and where do they go with it (v. 31)? When have you been guilty of the same sin of this forgiven servant?

5 What is the main point of Jesus' parable in v. 33? Why is forgiving others so hard? Talk together as a group about your own experiences of forgiving and/or being forgiven by others. What instigated it? Was it instant or gradual? How is the relationship today?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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