

Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Jan. 17th 2016

The Gospel in Relationships | Matthew 18:21-35 – Jesus and Peter

1. So just how many times *are* we supposed to forgive?
2. The contrast between the king and the servant is obviously stark but how would you describe what the king showed the servant compared to what the servant showed his fellow servant?
3. What is the significance of the two different debtor's identical lines, "be patient with me and I will pay it back?" In other words, what is made more clear by their similarities?
4. Notice the end result for the greater debtor is similar but different in this parable. How so? What might that convey about God?
5. How would you describe the difference between being confronted and care-fronted? Can you think of recent examples? Was God's calling to confront obviously present or absent?
6. What could be evidence that someone is truly forgiving from the heart as opposed to from the head?
7. Doug explained that Peter came to a realization that his debt was enormous because he had disowned the King of Kings, how did this one moment for Peter change him forever? What is the evidence of this change?
8. Who are you forgiving from the head alone and not the heart?
9. How can we teach our children to forgive from the heart?