

Small Group Questions | March 11th, 2018

Kingdom Stories – The Unforgiving Servant ([Matthew 18: 21-35](#))

Sermon Recap: The parable of the unforgiving servant calls us to consider that kingdom forgiveness is a **release**, a **requirement** and a **response**. A response to Jesus' work on the cross that released us from the debt that is too big for us to pay. May we consider this morning *who we need to release, what we need to release them from, and how we will do that*. Jesus makes it clear that this is not optional, but required, for those of us whom he has forgiven.

Hook: *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. What is your reaction to Jesus saying forgiveness should be not 7 times, but 77 times?

Look: *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

2. How does the Master demonstrate that forgiveness is a release? How does Jesus demonstrate this?
3. In reading the context and the verses that precede this parable (Matthew 18:15-20) Jesus teaches about what to do when a brother sins against you. How can these verses help us define what forgiveness is and even what forgiveness is not, according to the process Jesus teaches us to follow?"
4. What indicates that forgiveness is a requirement in this parable? What is the appropriate reaction to someone asking us for patience and grace? What did the wicked servant do?
5. Through his parable, how does Jesus illustrate that forgiveness is a response that is unavoidable? What is promised if we do not forgive?

Took: *Applying the message to our lives.*

6. In response to God's forgiveness to me, who is God requiring me to release?
7. What am I releasing?
8. How will I release it? What are some practical ways to process through forgiving someone?

Prayer/Verse:

*"And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" -
Matthew 18:33*