

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

What It Means for Us Today

Opening Prayer

Reading: Matthew 18:23-35

Questions and Discussion

1. What is the main point of this parable? What does it teach us about God's forgiveness and our forgiveness?
2. How do you think the servant felt when his master forgave him his huge debt? How do you think he felt when he refused to forgive his fellow servant his small debt?
3. Why do you think the servant acted so harshly towards his fellow servant? What does this reveal about his heart and attitude?
4. How do you think the master felt when he heard what the servant had done? How do you think he felt when he punished him?
5. How does this parable relate to our own experience of forgiveness? Have you ever been forgiven by God or someone else for something big? Have you ever struggled to forgive someone else for something small?
6. What are some of the benefits of forgiving others? What are some of the consequences of not forgiving others?
7. What are some of the challenges or obstacles that prevent us from forgiving others? How can we overcome them?

Activity

On a blank sheet of paper, write the name of someone you could forgive. Fold the paper and put it away. When you go home tonight, ask God to give you strength to forgive.

Closing Prayer