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## **MAIN TEXT**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

## **FORGIVENESS:**

A promise not to keep a record of wrongs against someone.

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## **BIG IDEA**

Forgiveness is not to stop with you, Its meant to flow through you.

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## **CHECK IN QUESTIONS**

What is a silly grudge you still hold on to from your childhood?

*Example: Asking for a pet but not being able to get it, never getting to go in the ball pit at McDonalds.*

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Peter's question "How many times must I forgive someone else?" launches this parable. He was asking Jesus about the limits of forgiveness. **Why do you think that humans struggle forgiving some things but not other things.**
2. Jesus tells the parable from two perspectives: the forgiven and the forgiver. **In terms of costs, which do you think is more costly – to ask for forgiveness or to grant forgiveness?**
3. Jesus says that God will treat us as a vengeful Master if we do not extend forgiveness. **Why do you think does not like it when people are unforgiving ?**
4. **What do you make of God's deliberate choice to extend grace to everyone, including the worst of sinners?**

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*Luke 15:11-32*

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## **BIG IDEA**

Bitterness binds us, but forgiveness frees us

## **CHECK IN QUESTIONS**

**Do you have any siblings? Are you the oldest, middle or youngest child? Do you fit your stereotype? Why or why not?**

**Oldest child:** Perfectionist, ruler follower, leader, achiever, bossy, responsible, cautious

**Middle Child:** Forgotten, adaptable, independent, people pleaser, rebellious, peace maker, social

**Youngest:** Gets everything they want, charming, outgoing, manipulative, social, fun, uncomplicated

**Only Child:** Conscientious, center of attention, mature for their age, sensitive, confident, lonely

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. This week we are focusing on the older brother. The older brother is hard working, responsible, and loyal. And yet, he is also filled with bitterness and behaves in a petty manner.  
**Have you ever felt similarly in certain situations and relationships?**
2. When the younger brother returns home the older brother pouts. His main gripe seems to be the injustice of the father's gracious attitude towards the prodigal. **Why do you think its hard to have justice and be gracious at the same time?**
3. Even though the father pleads with the older brother to come into the party, he declines.  
**What do you think the older brother must do to fix his relationship with the younger brother?**
4. **How could the older brother best redeem these relationships with the Father and the Younger Brother?**

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## **BIG IDEA**

Forgiveness is a gift, not a reward.

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## **CHECK IN QUESTIONS**

1. What was the best part of your week this week?
  2. Share about a time when you were overly confident but it resulted in embarrassment.
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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. This week we are focusing on the younger brother. Do you think it was fair for him to ask for his inheritance from the father? Why or why not?
2. Can you think of a time when you made a request and received a surprisingly unwanted answer? How did you respond?
3. How does the father respond to the younger brother asking for his inheritance? What does that teach us about how God responds to our own requests?
4. Recently, what prayer or request have you made known to God that has been the hardest to wait for His response?
5. Luke tells us in verse 17 that the turning point was when the younger son “comes to himself” (came to his senses). Why do you think God allows us to learn through hard times? Why is this process essential to our life?
6. Have you had a moment where you’ve learned of or felt God’s love in your life? If so when?

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## **CHECK IN QUESTIONS**

1. Have you ever lost something valuable to you? How did you feel when you lost it?
2. How did you feel when you found it? How did you feel in the waiting?

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. This week we are focusing on the father. What emotions and thoughts do you think the father experiences at the younger son's request for inheritance?
2. What part of the passage affirms the Father's Love for the younger son?
3. Share about a time you experienced a person's forgiveness, even though you didn't deserve it?  
How did this make you feel?
4. When the older brother pouts outside of the party tent, the Father goes out to meet him as well.  
What does this tell us about the nature of God's love and its connection to grace and forgiveness?
5. When in your life have you pouted about a situation that caused you to question someone's love?  
What did you learn about yourself from this?
6. When dealing with people when have you experienced grace and mercy?

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## **MAIN TEXT**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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## **BIG IDEA**

Forgiveness takes practice.

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## **CHECK IN QUESTIONS**

1. Imagine you have a forgiveness superpower. It has no limit, you can forgive anyone for anything, instantly. How would you use this power in your life? Who would you forgive and why?

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What has been your biggest “a-ha” moment about forgiveness in this study?
2. Why do you think that Jesus makes forgiveness a part of his model prayer?
3. What do you think it would look like to incorporate prayers of forgiveness into a regular prayer rhythm in your life?
4. How can we be praying for you this week?