



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

The Unforgiving Servant

Matthew 18:21-35

February 18th, 2024

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Questions:

1. What are your overall impressions of this parable as you read it?
2. Are you prone to "keeping score" with certain people in your life? Do you find yourself harboring grudges against people who have wronged you?
3. When you think of God, do you tend to imagine Him as an angry or disappointed judge? Or do you see Him as a compassionate, merciful king?
4. Spend some time reflecting on the debt that Jesus paid for you. Remind your soul of God's glorious plan of salvation. How should these truths impact the way you treat other people?
5. How do we balance forgiving like Jesus forgave us, while also maintaining healthy, appropriate boundaries?
6. Who do you need to forgive? Spend some time confessing that to the Lord, and make a plan to forgive (and/or seek forgiveness) from that person. Perhaps invite a friend or your small group to pray for you and hold you accountable in this journey.