



3-Give What You've Been Given

Matthew 18:21-35

1. What insight, principle or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye opening or troubling? Please explain.
2. How have you seen unforgiveness be destructive in your own life or others? Why do you think forgiveness is so hard and bitterness so easy, even though we know, bitterness will destroy ourselves?
3. Read Matthew 18:21-35. Why do you think the first servant, the one who had been forgiven such a great amount, was not able to forgive the smaller amount?
4. The characters in the story are a picture of us and our offence against God, compared to the offence of others against us. Is it hard for you to accept that the wrongs done against you pale in comparison to the wrongs you've done to God? Why might really understanding this difference be key to any of us being able to forgive others?
5. Read verse 35 again. The kingdom of God (the new life in Christ) demands we give what we have received. How is this sobering and challenging when it comes to forgiveness?
6. Is there a person that you know you need to forgive again? What would it look like to truly cancel their debt? Rather than try harder to forgive, take some time to ponder the unbelievable debt you have incurred and the amazing forgiveness that you have received.
7. Pray together. Pray for strength to forgive and a deeper understanding of the forgiveness of God to you.