

Sermon Application Study

December 17, 2023

Target Passage → Matthew 18:21-35

1. Explain Jesus' answer to Peter's question. What does Jesus expect of those who follow him?
2. Jesus' parables illustrate aspects of his kingdom; what it is like when Christ rules your life. Why does the king show his servant mercy? What does this teach us about our debt and God's response to it?
3. What does the servant do to his fellow servant? What does that tell us about the spiritual state of the unforgiving servant?
4. What does the king's decision at the end of the story teach us about the importance of forgiveness in the way we live and interact with others today?

Bridge Passages (for further study) → Genesis 50:15-21, Ephesians 4:25-32

For Me →

1. How does remembering your own sin (10k talents) affect the way you view others when they sin (100 denarii) against you? Do you think like that?
2. Is there someone you are struggling in your heart to forgive? If you can, share this with the group.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask the Lord to greatly impact our community through a church-wide commitment to forgiveness and reconciliation. Ask the Lord to open eyes and hearts to the gospel of forgiveness at our Christmas Eve services.

For the Mission →

1. Which Christmas Eve service are you going to this year? Who are you bringing?
2. How can this group pray for you specifically as you engage with friends and family at Christmas?