

Foster City 10-14-18



Forgiven People Forgive - Dan Reid

Matthew 18: 21-35

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1. Share a story maybe a personal experience that displays the beauty of forgiveness. How did it feel to be on the giving or receiving end of forgiveness?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus makes it crystal clear that God's forgiveness is unlimited? What transformation can happen in a person if they dared to believe this applied to them?
3. Why does it please God for us to forgive our brother or sister from the heart? How does forgiving another benefit you?
4. What is it about the topic of forgiveness that is most challenging to you personally?
5. As a group brainstorm a list of what forgiveness is and what it isn't. What are some of the common misconceptions about forgiveness?
6. Jesus had some harsh words for those who don't forgive their brother or sister from the heart. What challenges you about the statement, "In Jesus' lexicon there is no such thing as an unforgiving Christian."?
7. How does linking God's forgiveness and our gratitude help us to forgive others?
8. Regarding being forgiven and forgiving others, how might your level of gratitude, blame and bitterness need to change for you to experience the freedom God wants for you?
9. How might your community group confirm a next step for you and encourage your progress toward Matthew 18 forgiveness?



Matthew 18: 21-35 - Ben Melli

1. Read Matthew 18, the entire chapter. This chapter describes how the church is to act toward one another. Matthew adds a story at the end of chapter to let the reader come to a conclusion about how we should forgive. What are some general observations you have about the story?
2. Which character do you most identify with in the story?
3. Which character do you think Jesus wants us to identify with most?
4. The warning at the end of the story is real. What do you think an unforgiving heart looks like according to this story.
5. What is the cultural narrative today regarding forgiveness? How has it been shaped by Christianity and how is it veering away from Christianity?
6. Where do you have to practice forgiveness right now? Why?
7. Forgiveness from the heart is given not earned. Discuss
8. Forgiveness from the head is dealt before it is felt. Discuss
9. Forgiveness from the heart precedes reconciliation. Discuss