

WELLSPRING

W O R S H I P C E N T E R

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant Reflection Questions 10/18/2026

1. Peter asked how many times he should forgive someone. What does his question reveal about our tendency to keep a mental scorecard?
2. The fellow servant's debt was substantial, even though it was much smaller than the first servant's debt. Why does it matter that Jesus describes a real debt rather than an insignificant offense?
3. How does remembering the forgiveness you have received through Jesus change the way you view someone who owes you an apology or restitution?
4. What misunderstandings about forgiveness can make people hesitant to forgive? Which clarification in the sermon was most helpful to you?
5. The sermon stated, "Forgiveness releases the debt; wisdom manages the future relationship." What might that look like in a difficult relationship?
6. How can someone sincerely forgive while still maintaining boundaries or allowing the offender to face appropriate consequences?
7. What is the difference between saying, "Lord, I want to forgive, but it still hurts," and saying, "I refuse to forgive"? Why is that distinction important in light of this parable?
8. In what ways might we try to make someone "pay" through our words, coldness, or treatment of them, even when we would never openly seek revenge?
9. Discuss this quote: "We all live with the consequences of someone else's sin. The choice for us is whether we live in the bondage of bitterness or the freedom of forgiveness."
10. Read 2 Corinthians 2:10–11 and Ephesians 4:26–27. How can unresolved anger and unforgiveness give Satan an opportunity in our lives and relationships?