

MATTHEW 18 Community Group Questions

Matthew 18:21-35

1—When have you felt close to Christ this week? Where has the Lord been working in your life?

2—Read Matthew 18:21-27. Jewish rabbis taught that one must forgive a brother or sister up to 3 times. What do you think is behind Peter's question to Jesus? How do you interpret Jesus' response? What do you think Jesus is trying to say? What does it mean for someone to sin against you?

3—Who is the “king” in the parable? Who is the “servant?” What is happening in these verses? The amount owed the king is an enormous amount impossible to repay. Why do you think the servant said he would repay it? How does v.27 describe your relationship with God? How often do you reflect on the debt you owe God? What advice would you give someone who has never pondered how much he/she is indebted to God?

4—Read Matthew 18:28-35. The servant who had been shown mercy fails to show mercy. What keeps so many in our own society from offering mercy to others? Have you ever spent a significant amount of time with someone who failed to show mercy/forgiveness towards another? How would you describe that person?

5—What do these verses teach us about God? Where do you see yourself in this parable?

6—Which point from Sunday's message best resonates with you?

- Understanding God's mercy impacts your desire to be merciful.
- You owe more than you can pay.
- God's character is rooted in his mercy and compassion.
- Having a short memory will leave you merciless.
- Others are paying attention to how you model mercy.
- Mercy is a kingdom expectation.

7—What are you hearing from the Lord in these verses? How can you apply this parable to your life?