

Connection Group

MOVE PAST #3

Receiving Forgiveness

- What does Jesus teach Peter about forgiveness Matthew 18:21-27? What does the Master do in Matthew 18:27?
- If someone “Can’t forgive themselves”, how can they be encouraged? What does the story of Luke 7:47 teach us about forgiveness?

Offering Forgiveness

- Why do you think Paul makes the following statement in Ephesians 4:1-3? What does Paul teach us about forgiveness and spiritual living in Colossians 3:12-15? What does Ephesians 4:31-32 teach us as it relates to forgiveness? How important is forgiveness in our worship (Matthew 5:23-24)?
- Forgiving someone is a choice, but we often have to work through emotional scars to forgive. In Matthew 18:28-31, how did the servant choose to respond?

Understanding Forgiveness

- What types of misunderstandings do you think people have about forgiveness? What does it mean to forgive and what doesn’t it mean to forgive?
- How important is forgiveness to your spiritual life. (Matthew 6:12-15; Mark 11:25-26). Why does Jesus teach us to pray for our basic needs in Matthew 6:11 and immediately focuses on forgiveness in Matthew 6:12?

Conclusions

- Matthew 18:23-35 describes a parable on Forgiveness. Parables are usually taught to provide one major truth. What would you say is the one truth from Matthew 18:23-35 that Jesus intended for us to take away from this passage?
- Have you been forgiven by Christ? Have you experienced what forgiveness can do to your spiritual life? What? Have you experienced what forgiveness can do to your spiritual life? What? Have you learned a healthy way to practice forgiving others?

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Further Study: On the power of forgiveness and being forgiven.

- God forgiving power- 103
- God forgives you in sin- Ps 51
- God created you with worth and purpose- Psalm 139
- Focuses on healthy Christian living and forgiveness- Ephesians 4
- Focuses on healthy Christian living and forgiveness. Colossians 3