

Sunday Message: March 20, 2022

Those Who Forgive | Read Matthew 18:21-35 | Sam Potter

## Passage Exploration Questions

*The primary translation our pastors use on Sunday morning is the ESV. You may find it helpful to use the ESV along with corresponding notes in the ESV Study Bible when reflecting on the questions below.*

Read Matthew 18:21-35

1

Reflect on Matthew 18:21-22. Why do you think Peter asks this question (note content from chapter 18) and what does Jesus' answer reveal about being a disciple?

2

Reflect on verses 23-27. What is the kingdom of God being compared to? How does this story relate to Peter's question? What does this story reveal about God's mercy and patience and the size of God's forgiveness?

3

Reflect on verses 28-31. What does the servant's heart reveal about the role of forgiveness in their own life? What was the disconnect, which prevented the servant to forgive like he has been forgiven?

4

Reflect on verses 32-34. What is the point of the master's rebuke? Discuss the following statement from the ESV study notes, "someone who does not grant forgiveness to others shows that his [her] own heart has not experienced God's forgiveness." Do you agree or disagree?

5

Reflect on verse 35. How does forgiving others related to God's forgiveness?

## Application & Spiritual Formation Questions

1

Reflect on God's forgiveness and His mercy. Praise God for the massive debt he eliminated as a result of His great love for you as displayed through Christ's death and resurrection.

2

A message on forgiveness is probably one of the most applicable sermons to apply. Consider your relationship, where is forgiveness needed, regardless of how small or insignificant it might seem. Take it to God first and prayerfully discern if you need to graciously talk to someone specifically. Consider starting the conversation by saying, "I was reflecting on incredible forgiveness extended toward me and I realized that I needed to ask for (or offer) forgiveness."