

Family Values

Forgiven, not forsaken

Read: Matthew 18:21-35; Col. 3:13; Matthew 6:12.

1. When we truly understand the cost of our forgiveness it will transform everything (e.g. the way we look at God, ourselves, others). Thoughts?
2. Is it reasonable to forgive someone seventy-seven times? (see Matt. 18:22). The Pharisees put a limit on forgiveness in order that people should not take advantage of others. Did they have a point? Have you found it difficult to forgive someone (please use wisdom in what you share. Don't let this become an opportunity for gossip).
3. Steve says that when it comes to the subject of forgiveness, we should always start in the throne room of the King and not focus on the person who has hurt or offended us. What was Steve's point? Do you agree?
4. In which way is our "debt" also unpayable?
5. What emotion does this story of the unmerciful servant create in you?
6. Nelson Mandela: "Resentment, it is like drinking poison and then hoping that it will kill your enemies." What is his point?
7. Steve said that to forgive someone doesn't mean that we condone their actions, or approve of their sin. Thoughts?
8. Why does Jesus link our forgiveness by God and our forgiving others? (Matthew 6:12; 18:35)

Play: "Only by grace"; Majesty (Here I am) . . . leading to a time of prayer and praise.