

Tough Talk - The Hard Sayings of Jesus

Week 5 - Lifegroup Questions

- Has there been a recent occasion where you've needed to practice forgiveness? How easy do you find it to forgive others?
- Read Matthew 6:9-15, what is your initial reaction to verses 14 & 15 in particular? Why do you think Jesus highlights this part of the Lord's prayer in this way?
- Read Matthew 18:15-17, what do you think is Jesus main priority in these verses?
- What does Jesus expect from the person who has been wronged? Is this our normal response, why/why not?
- What does Jesus expect from the person who has sinned? How big of a role does repentance play in the act of forgiveness? What happens when the person we are needing to forgive is unrepentant, is the act of forgiveness somehow incomplete?
- What does it mean to "treat someone as you would a pagan or tax collector"? How did Jesus treat pagans and tax-collectors?
- Read Matthew 18:21-35, do you think that Peter's suggestion of forgiving someone a maximum of 7 times is reasonable, why/why not?
- In the story Jesus tells, the servant owes the king more money than he could ever repay, do you think we have a tendency to minimise our own sin, and maximise the sin of others? Why is it so important to have a correct understanding of how much we have been forgiven?
- It's alarming how quickly the forgiven servant goes from receiving grace, to demanding justice. Do you think this is a fair representation of us, why/why not?
- What does Jesus mean when he says that we need to forgive our brother or sister from our heart? Can we simply choose to forgive someone, why/why not? (see also Mark 11:25).