

DATE: May 14th, 2023

TITLE: Forgiveness

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 18:21-35

SPEAKER: Dave Mobley

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING PRAYER

ICE BREAKER: Have you ever tried to forgive or seek forgiveness from someone, but it wasn't received well? Share that experience with the group.

THINK BACK: Referring back to this week's sermon... What is the BIG IDEA of the Scripture AS IT WAS TAUGHT THIS WEEK? Was there anything that left you with questions?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Read Matthew 18:21-35.** Do you identify with Peter regarding limits to forgiving others?
- What does the parable teach us about who God is and what His heart is like?
- What does the servant not understand about what the King did?
- Finish this sentence; We don't forgive others in order to be forgiven by God but because _____.
- What do we owe God and others according to Matthew 22:37,38?
- Who absorbs the debt we cannot pay? Who absorbs the debt when we forgive others?
- **Read Ephesians 4:30-32.** Why are we compelled to forgive?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 18:21-35
- Matthew 22:37-38
- Ephesians 4:30-32

APPLICATION

Think about what most caught your attention in the text or discussion.

Why is God catching your attention with this at this point in your life?

What does God want you to know or do?

What's one thing from this text that you could say to an unbeliever about who God is?

PRAYER

Ask people for specific prayer requests. Pray for needs and for applications of the text.

Ask for volunteers who would like to pray for those people and requests.

SHEPHERDING

Check the roster and see who is not there. Does the group know why someone is not there? Are there needs that can be met by the group? Specific prayer requests? Ask for someone to reach out and say, "We missed you."

REMINDERS

Check the bulletin and monthly newsletter for special announcements and events.

- Ask about ideas to serve in some way together. Serve 1x every six weeks or so.
- Encourage people to invite friends or neighbors to your group!! One way to reach 'out' together is to welcome people 'in.'
- Discuss childcare, if needed.
- Talk about any upcoming group meals or activities.

Check the events page on the website for ways that you could get plugged in and events here at FCC. Here are a couple of those things:

**-Pick a date this Summer to serve one Sunday in KidZone
Contact Bobbi at bobbiblanchard@homeforever.org**

-The newsletter went out this week? Didn't get it or not on the list? Email info@homeforever.org for help!

-Have a senior this year? Get your pictures to Pastor Ben to be part of our Senior Sunday Slideshow!