

Sermon Questions for Community Groups

Sermon: "On Forgiveness"

Series: Stories that Change the World

Date: May 14, 2017

Scripture: Matt 18:21-35

1. What is a parable? What are they designed to do?
2. Are you in the middle of a feud right now in your life? Why?
3. Why does Jesus tell Peter that he should forgive someone seventy-seven times? What does that number signify?
How does that sit with you? (Jesus calls us to extend unlimited forgiveness)
4. What does a lack of forgiveness show about our hearts?
5. What is one of the greatest evidences that you are truly a Christian?
6. Who are you struggling to forgive in your life right now? Why?
7. "Of the Seven Deadly Sins, anger is possibly the most fun. To lick your wounds, to smack your lips over grievances long past, to roll over your tongue the prospect of bitter confrontations still to come, to savor to the last toothsome morsel both the pain you are given and the pain you are giving back--in many ways it is a feast fit for a king. The chief drawback is that what you are wolfing down is yourself. The skeleton at the feast is you." What is this quote saying? Agree? Why?

8. What does it mean to have pity on someone?

9. "When you forgive, that means you absorb the loss and the debt. You bear it yourself. All forgiveness, then, is costly." As this quote says, forgiveness costs us something. What does it cost you?

10. Where does the power to forgive come from?

11. What has God forgiven you of? What debt has He absorbed for you to be reconciled back to him?

My prayer requests: