



Sermon Questions: *The Unforgiving Servant*

Date: *October 17, 2021* | Scripture: *Matthew 18:23-35*

1. Verses 23 and 35 tell us what the parable is about. How do they help us to understand the parable?
2. Why is the king's response in v27 surprising, in light of the request of v26?
3. We heard that the servant's request for time (v26) suggested that either he was a delusional fool, or he believed the king to be a delusional fool. What would each response look like in someone considering God's judgment of their sin today?
4. What does this parable teach us about an ideal response to experiencing God's forgiveness? Consider verse 33 and its implications for our approach to conflict.
5. Verses 34-35 are hard to read. What do they teach us?

Inward Grace in Action

The questions below are a little more intimate and are meant to be discussed with a trusted friend or partner, rather than the whole group.

1. Forgiveness is always costly. How can your CG help you to bear the cost of difficult forgiveness in your life?
2. Are there sins in your past or present life that seem too great to be forgiven? Verse 25 affirms the seriousness of our sin, but v27 illustrates God's grace. Talk about those heavy burdens with a trusted friend or partner.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Exodus 34:1-10
- 2 Samuel 22:26-36
- Isaiah 1:12-20
- Luke 6:27-36
- Romans 14:1-19
- James 1:19-21, 2:13

Pray with our church family for mission partners at the Third Thursday Dinner

Listen to the Spotify playlist, [The Storytelling Savior: Parables in the Gospel of Matthew](#)

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- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org

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