



Sermon Questions

May 5, 2024 | Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13 (Forgive Us)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes, or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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Core Questions

1. What difference does the gospel make to how we understand our own debt and forgiveness?
2. What difference does the gospel make to how we understand how to forgive others?
3. How does our attitude towards forgiveness interact with our relationship with God?

Inward Grace in Action

4. We each have people in our lives, whether close or distant, whom we find hard to forgive, often out of fear of further harm. Share stories of how you have experienced, or are hoping for, redemption in these.
5. Where it is hard to forgive, it can be hard to see a way forward. Community and counseling can be invaluable supports, but don't neglect the power of the ordinary means of grace. Read over the definition below, and pray for one another that God would give you a testimony of their power.

'The means that God has appointed for our spiritual nourishment and growth in grace are what we call **the ordinary means of grace**—namely, the Word, prayer, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and, necessarily joined to these, the church's discipline and care of souls. These means are appointed by God, are empowered by the Holy Spirit, and point us to Christ, and they sustain us and nourish us in our union with Christ as we rest in the sovereign ends of our triune God.'

Dr Burk Parsons, *Tabletalk*, June 2020

Outward Grace in Action

6. In a world of polarization, cancel culture, mockery of those we disagree with, and the ability to cut ourselves off from others like never before, how can Christian forgiveness testify to the power of the gospel?

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these

Scriptures:

- Genesis 50:15-21
- Psalm 130
- Hosea 14
- Matthew 18:21-35
- Romans 3:19-28
- Hebrews 9:11-28

Serve: We are not designed to walk the journey of forgiveness alone. How could you come alongside someone as part of their covenant community to pursue tough forgiveness?

Pray: Where your heart is hard, ask the Lord to soften it and lead you into forgiveness.

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