

Weekly Discussion Guide – 3-30-25

“God’s Forgiveness”
Matthew 6:12; 18:21-35

1. If you were to explain what forgiveness is to a child, how would you define it?
2. After the prayer, Jesus gives more explanation on forgiveness (Matt. 6:14-15). Why do you think he does that?
3. Have you ever experienced the power of forgiveness, either by receiving or giving it? How did it impact you?
4. Read Matthew 18:21-35.
 - What stands out to you in this parable? What surprises you?
 - Why do you think the forgiven debtor didn’t forgive his fellow servant?
 - Who can you relate to in this story. Why?
5. What are some barriers that make it difficult for people to forgive others?
6. How does forgiving others free them? How does forgiving others free us?
7. Jesus connects our forgiveness of others with God's forgiveness of us. What practical steps can we take to cultivate a forgiving heart?
8. Share any personal prayer requests. Close in prayer about God’s forgiveness. You can say this one or one of your own:

Merciful God, you have forgiven us from a debt we could never repay. Thank you, Jesus. Help us to forgive others as we have been forgiven. Holy Spirit, we need you so that we can free others and so that we can be free ourselves. Amen.