

Matthew 18:21-35
Sermon: September 25, 2011

Know Your Neighbor

1. Did your family of origin find it easy to forgive one another, or were grudges, unforgiveness, and getting even a common thing?
2. How do you typically respond when a spouse or good friend offends you? How long does it usually take you to forgive them?

Know God's Word

1. When Jesus said that we should forgive a brother or sister who sins against us 77 (or 490) times, what did He mean?
2. Why did Jesus choose 10,000 talents as the amount of the first servant's debt? What does that tell us about our debt of sin with God?
3. Write down on another sheet of paper a list of your most serious and repeated sins. How does reading through that list make you feel? How do you feel when you realize that because Christ died for those sins, God has cancelled your debt, forgiven your wickedness, and will remember your sins no more (Hebrews 8:12)? Now tear up that list and live as a person who has been set free.
4. What was so evil and wrong about the second servant's unwillingness to forgive a fellow servant's much smaller debt?
5. What does Jesus say will happen to us if we refuse to forgive the sins of a brother or sister who has sinned against us? (see also Matthew 6:14-15; James 2:13)

Know How to Live

1. What past offense have you found it hardest to forgive?
2. How can you tell when you truly have forgiven someone?
3. Is there someone whom God has brought to your mind during this lesson that you still need to forgive? What are you going to do about it, and how will you let them know they have been forgiven?