



Parables #6

2/5/23

Matthew 18:21-35 The Unforgiving Servant

1. Drew's sermon was about forgiveness. He mentioned that forgiveness can be very difficult.

****In your experience, why is forgiveness difficult? Perhaps you can share a previous experience.**

****Why is forgiveness so important to Jesus?**

2. (Deep question alert!) Sometimes, you may discover that you have a similar type of conflict with different people. Drew mentioned that when this happens, it is important to observe that you are the common denominator between those relationships. It is possible that you are bringing the same unhealthy expectations and past hurts into different relationships without working realizing it. "New people, same you."

****How does forgiveness, or a lack thereof, affect your relationships with other people?**

3. In the parable of "The Unforgiving Servant," the servant is forgiven of an unimaginable amount of debt (potential 10 billion dollars). Drew mentioned that we may find that hard to compare ourselves to, but the reality is "sin leaves us with a balance too big to pay on our own."

****Do you believe that you have done enough evil things that you can't do enough good things to repay it?**

For more discussion: the comparison game is dangerous - when we compare ourselves to this or that person, we think we are doing well for ourselves.

****Does God compare us to other humans? Depending on your answer, what does that mean for how we live a Christian life?**

4. The greatest evidence of God's forgiveness settling into our own lives is how we forgive others.

****How do you react when you encounter a server or merchant who messed up your order?**

****If you don't react the way that you want to, or think you should, how are you going to improve?**