

THE TABERNACLE SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY'S COMING: FORGIVE & BE FORGIVEN - MT 18:21-35

Forgiveness is a difficult thing for sinful humans. It is hard to truly believe in the forgiveness that God offers us and to forgive others. But forgiveness from God is directly connected to forgiving others, and is the only way to find freedom in Christ.

SERMON NOTES:

Main points, questions or things that stuck out to you.

FURTHER STUDY:

Cross References, Resources, etc.

- God's forgiveness: Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 1John 1:9; Psalm 32:5 & 103:12; Isaiah 1:18; Micah 7:18-19.
- Our forgiveness: Matthew 6:14-15; Mark 11:25; Luke 6:37; Ephesians 4:31-32; Colossians 3:13; 17:3-4.

SMALL GROUP NOTES

GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group.

Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.

Where is it written in the Bible?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- What can we learn about Salvation's worth from the difference in the debt amounts owed to the king and to the servant?

- Why do you think withholding forgiveness grieves God, and why is it so important to Him that we forgive others?

- What are the consequences of withholding forgiveness, both spiritually and emotionally?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

- How do you feel when someone wrongs you, and what does it reveal about your attitude toward forgiveness?

- How does the parable challenge you to respond differently in situations where you are wronged?

- How can understanding God's grace help us to forgive others, especially when it feels difficult

- **Challenge:** Is there anyone whom you are struggling to forgive? What steps can you take in order to forgive them?