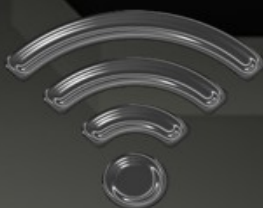


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The Point: *Prayer Communicates the Need for Forgiveness*

Matthew 6:12-13

DISCUSSION GENERATORS

- . What are two things that stood out to you from this week's Point? (they can be silly, serious, stupid, or spiritual)
- . **Read Matthew 6:12.** What do you remember from Sunday's point in relation to what Jesus meant in verse 12. (See Deuteronomy 15:1-2 & Leviticus 25:8-10) How would you feel about forgiving someone's debts every seven years like the Israelites did according Jewish laws?
- . Understanding this practice by Jews under their law, how does this impact the way we understand verse 12?
- . What kind of excuses do you find yourself making as to why you shouldn't forgive someone or let something go?
- . In our culture today, what kind of "sins" do we justify not forgiving people for? What would be the hardest thing for you to forgive someone for?

DISCUSSION GENERATORS

- . **Read Matthew 6:25-34.** What is the point of this story that Jesus shared with Peter? Do you struggle more with forgiving others or being forgiven? How do we change that in our lives?
- . **Read Matthew 6:13.** Is this implying that God tempts us? What do you think the difference is between being tempted and being tested?
- . Why do you think in our own minds, it is so easy to make we are personally tempted with worse than what others are tempted with?
- . What does Matthew 6:12 & 13 have to do with prayer and how can you put that into practice personally?

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

At the end of this series on prayer, I would like to challenge you all to either keep a prayer journal personally, as a group, or both. This will give you personally and or your group the opportunity to look back every couple of months to see how God is answering your prayers.

Remember when you reflect back that how God answered our prayers may not be what we wanted for an answer, but take the time to think about how He answered and why He may have answered that way.

BIBLE PASSAGES

Matthew 6:12-13 (NET)

...and forgive us our debts, as we ourselves have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Matthew 6:25-34 (CEV)

Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: Not just 7 times, but 77 times! This story will show you what the kingdom of heaven is like: One day a king decided to call in his officials and ask them to give an account of what they owed him. As he was doing this, one official was brought in who owed him 50,000,000 silver coins. But he didn't have any money to pay what he owed. The king ordered him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all he owned, in order to pay the debt. The official got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you every cent I owe!" The king felt sorry for him and let him go free. He even told the official that he did not have to pay back the money. But as this official was leaving, he happened to meet another official, who owed him 100 silver coins. So he grabbed the man by the throat. He started choking him and said, "Pay me what you owe!" The man got down on his knees and began begging, "Have pity on me, and I will pay you back." But the first official refused to have pity. Instead, he went and had the other official put in jail until he could pay what he owed. When some other officials found out what had happened, they felt sorry for the man who had been put in jail. Then they told the king what had happened. The king called the first official back in and said, "You're an evil man! When you begged for mercy, I said you did not have to pay back a cent. Don't you think you should show pity to someone else, as I did to you?" The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

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