

SERVANTS FORGIVE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN

BIG TRUTH: SERVANTS FORGIVE BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN

Ephesians 1:7-8; 4:32; Matthew 5:44-45; Ephesians 5:1-2; Colossians 3:13

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 18:33

“And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”

BIG IDEAS

- Every servant of Jesus owes an unfathomable sin debt that they cannot pay.
- Every servant of Jesus has experienced the forgiveness and lavish grace of God.
- Every servant of Jesus should forgive those who sin against us because we are forgiven.

BIBLE PASSAGE: MATTHEW 18:21-35

UNITE - I AM CALLED

The Unite Year is an exploration of what it means to be united in Christ as the family of God (Romans 12:5). When we are saved, we are given a spirit of adoption as sons (Romans 8:15-16), are made a child of God, and we are also saved into a family- the Church. The Unite Year explores how we are to live as a part of a family, and to live in light of our calling as servants and disciples of Christ. We use our gifts to build up the church as we pursue unity, humility, and gentleness with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2).

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- They are a servant of Jesus.
- They have been forgiven an unimaginable debt.
- To be a servant means to lay down their lives



Every student should feel...

- Awe at the forgiveness they have experienced in Christ.
- Thankful for the grace that brought them from death to life and into God’s family.
- Unworthy of the mercy and grace they have received



Every student should strive to...

- Forgive anyone who has wronged them as Jesus has forgiven them.
- Walk by faith instead of giving into anxiety.
- Be known by their allegiance to Christ and the gospel.



Every student should want...

- To be faithful and pursue obedience to God.
- To sacrifice their comfort and control for the sake of the gospel.
- To be committed to Christ above all else.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to discuss with our son or daughter what it means to serve faithfully to the end. We will pray for them to resist distractions in their lives and we will lead them to practice living in obedience each day.

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Read and meditate on Matthew 18:21-35 this week.

As you ponder these verses ask yourself some of these questions:

- Do you model a life of forgiveness and mercy to your son or daughter? How can you discuss with them some of the challenges of showing mercy and forgiveness? How can you help them see ways to remind themselves of the forgiveness of God?

Consider how to discuss with your son or daughter what it means to serve with a heart that shows mercy and forgiveness.

- What are some challenges you see to this in your son's or daughter's life? How can you discuss with them ways they can overcome these challenges?



Set aside time to pray with your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, model asking the Holy Spirit to give you a heart that forgives easily.
- Pray with your student this week. Model praying for them to live forgiving others as they have been forgiven.



Discuss with your son or daughter some habits and disciplines that will help them serve others showing mercy and forgiveness.

- Help them find Scripture that shows them how they should show mercy and forgiveness.
- Discuss with your student this week ways that he or she can grow in showing mercy and forgiveness. Challenge them to examine their own hearts for unforgiveness and to show forgiveness to all people.