

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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

Forgiveness is part of serving Jesus. This week we will ponder what it means to forgive and we will pray for hearts that want to forgive. We will practice living as a forgiving person because Christ has forgiven us.

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

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

- What is forgiveness? How is God's forgiveness lavish? Are there ways you are like the first servant? Are there people you need to forgive?

Ponder the importance of forgiving others.

- How can you put on forgiveness this week?
- How can you live in a way that you are known for forgiving others?
- How does God's forgiveness of you help you forgive others?

**Set aside a time to pray specifically about forgiveness this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Lord to show you any person you are harboring unforgiveness towards. Pray to forgive those people.
- Pray with your small group leader this week. As you pray together ask the Holy Spirit to help you serve with a forgiving and merciful heart.

**Define the word "forgiveness."**

- Next to this definition make a list of the things that God has forgiven you for. Next, write down any people you have not forgiven yet. Commit to practice the type of forgiveness that God shows.
- Discuss with your small group leader ways that you can discipline yourself to remember the sin debt God has forgiven. Make a list of some ways you can try this week.