

Bible Study Questions

Out of Debt!

Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

1. Do you think Peter had a special reason for asking Jesus how often he was required to forgive the person who sins against him? Explain your answer.
2. The religious leaders of Jesus' day taught that three times was the limit on forgiveness. Peter thought he was being gracious to extend it to seven times. What does Jesus' answer tell you about how forgiveness operated in his kingdom?
3. What is your attitude when you are asked to forgive someone for the same offense three or four times? Explain why you have that attitude.
4. Does Jesus' command to forgive without limits mean that we are not to hold others accountable for what they do? Explain your answer.
5. When the king canceled the servant's enormous debt, the king took the loss himself. What insight does that give you about what it means for us to forgive others?
6. The comparison between the two debts in the parable is 600,000 to 1-the first servant was forgiven of a \$600,000 debt and choked his fellow slave for one dollar! What does that show you about the first servant's attitude toward the king's mercy and grace?

7. The parable is obviously not about how to treat people who owe you money. What do the two debts represent in our lives?

What contrast does Jesus want us to draw?

8. If we refuse to forgive others, what happens in our lives (vv. 31-34)?

9. What does verse 35 mean? Does God forgive us only on the condition that we forgive others?

10. What person do you need to release from their debts to you?

11. How can you demonstrate God's mercy in a practical way to someone who has wronged you?