



Redeeming Notes

Series: TALKING WITH GOD

Title: "Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Also Have Forgiven Our Debtors", Matthew 6:12

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"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Jesus - Matthew 6:14-15

- When we say, "Forgive us our debts," we're saying or asking, "Forgive us God, for all the ways we've sinned against you."
- How motivated are you to extend grace to your debtors, people who have sinned against you."
- At the center of this part of the Lord's Prayer is forgiveness, and at the center of forgiveness is God's gift of grace."
- When we pray, "forgive us our debts...", we are grabbing hold of the gospel promise."

- Confession of sins then is necessary in order for God to “forgive us” in the sense of restoring His day by day relationship with us.
- An essential part of building up one another in the body is forgiving one another in love, offering grace to our debtors.
- Paul understood that Satan uses unresolved conflict, unforgiven sin within the Christian community to break down relationships and break down the intimacy of those partnering for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11)

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) Thinking about your Christian walk, were there times when you found it difficult to forgive? How about to be forgiven?
- 2) Read the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew 6 and in Luke 11. Are there differences between the two versions? Similarities?
- 3) Read Matthew 6:14-15. Discuss as a small group why you think Jesus chose to expound on forgiveness.
- 4) Discuss as a small group the idea of God’s grace as it relates to forgiveness.
- 5) Read Mark 3:23-30. What is the “unforgivable sin?” Do you believe this to be true; in other words, is there a sin(s) that are in fact unforgivable? How does this agree/disagree with Matthew 6:14-15?
- 6) Do you find it difficult to forgive yourself? Why or why not?
- 7) Share an experience where you saw firsthand the power of forgiveness between individuals.