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Sermon Notes for November 12th

“Forgiving Like Jesus”

Sermon Text: **Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 1047)**; Old Testament Text: **Psalm 130:1-8 (p. 658)**; New Testament Text: **Colossians 3:12-17 (p. 1253)**.

Read **Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 1047)** while listening to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Matthew 18:21-22 (p. 1047)**. According to Pr. Dave, why might Peter think 7 was enough times to forgive someone?

How many times did Jesus say we were to forgive someone?

Instead of 77 times, what do some translations say? What is that equal to?

According to **Luke 17:4 (p. 1114)**, how many times does Jesus say we are to forgive a repentant person each day?

Over the course of a year, how many times might we be expected to forgive a person? (**Hint: 7 x 365 = ?**)

Is our forgiveness supposed to be limited to a certain number?

What enables us to forgive repeatedly?

2. Read **Matthew 18:23-27**.

How did Pr. Dave define the *kingdom of heaven*?

According to this parable, what will every person in the kingdom of heaven be required to do one day? (See **Matthew 18:23**)

How much was *a talent* worth? (See footnote 2 on bottom of **p. 1047**.)

At that rate, how many years of labor did the first servant owe his master?

Why was the king initially going to throw the man and his wife and children into prison? (See **Matt. 18:25**.)

What changed the king's mind? (See **Matt. 18:26-27**.)

3. Read **Matthew 18:28-30**. What was a denarius worth? (See footnote 4 on bottom of **p. 1047**.)

How much time would it have taken for the servant who owed 100 denarii to repay his debt?

How much time would it have taken for the servant who owed 10,000 talents to repay his debt?

Can you think of any reasons the wicked servant might have thought he didn't have to forgive the man who owed him 100 denarii?

4. Read **Matt. 18:31-34**.

Why were the other servants so upset by the wicked servant's actions?

Why did they tell the king?

What happened to the wicked servant when the king discovered he was unwilling to forgive his fellow servant?

5. In the parable, who does the king represent?

In the parable, who does the wicked servant represent?

In the parable, who does the servant who owed 100 denarii represent?

What is the lesson for us in this parable?

How well do you do at forgiving others?

6. What will you remember most from this message?