



HOW DO I LOOK?

THE COST OF FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is neither excusing nor enabling evil.
There is always a debt that needs to be paid...and somebody needs to pay it.

GOD IN REAL LIFE

For the grace this week to look like someone who has been forgiven...and to look **at others** like someone who has been forgiven.

TO THE HEART

“Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.”
Matthew 6:12

DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS

1. What would you describe as the “least possible of all the Christian virtues”?
2. C.S. Lewis noted that people love the virtue of forgiveness...until they have something to forgive. Then it becomes a “contemptible thing”. Have you ever seen this attitude in your own life? Have you ever resented or rebelled against the call and command to forgive? Please share.
3. Forgiveness is based on justice. For each sin, there is a “price”. Forgiveness is not waiting for the other person to pay back what they owe, but to release them from their debt. Have you ever experienced the pain of refusing to forgive? Have you ever experienced the joy of truly releasing another from their debt?
4. “It’s on the house” and “It’s on me” are two different statements. One is anonymous and one is personal and relational. Jesus Christ is the one who has paid the debt He did not owe for our sake. Have you ever reflected deeply on the fact that, without Jesus’ payment of our debt, we would still be enslaved? If so, please describe that.
5. The servant owed his master “a huge amount” or 10,000 talents. More than he could have ever worked off in 200,000 years. Do you think that the reason the servant didn’t look at his fellow servant like a person who had been forgiven was because he hadn’t “acknowledged and accepted” the free gift of the master’s forgiveness totally? Reflect and share your thoughts.
6. Who do you need to forgive? What are you waiting for?