

GRACE AND FORGIVENESS (Matthew 18:10-35)

CONNECT—Think of a fun-icebreaker question to ask. For example, if you could be the leader of any country on the planet, which country would you choose and why?

DISCUSS

What stands out to you in these verses?

In verses 10-14, is it unique that Jesus would leave the 99 and go after the 1? Why?

Have you ever been the wonderer that Jesus had to run after? Why?

How have you experienced the grace demonstrated by Jesus in this parable?

What does this say about salvation?

In verses 15-20, what are your thoughts/observations about how Jesus instructs the church to approach those who are wondering from the Fatih?

Jesus is asking us to judge the persons behavior, is this a good thing? Why?

How is this judgment different than cultures perception of judgment?

In confrontation, are you the initiator or the avoider?

In the context of all of chapter 18, what is the posture of the person confronting sin?

How does verse 20 give you hope in its proper context?

In verses 21-35, what are reasons that we use to avoid forgiveness?

What are some of the lies we believe about forgiveness/unforgiveness?

How does the gospel impact forgiveness in your life?

Have your ever found yourself in a similar position as the violent servant? Why?

How does forgiveness from Jesus give you hope?