

Relentless Pursuit, Unlimited Forgiveness...

Matthew 18.12-35

Focus: calling the church to the high priority of rescuing and reconciling errant brothers and sisters by loving pursuit and unfailing forgiveness.



Here is a brief online resource/ commentary on this passage to help you prepare for your discussion:

<https://bible.org/seriespage/life-under-kingdom-authority-matthew-18>

Here is a link to the NW church discipline policy:

<http://www.northwake.com/resources/>

Discussion:

- Read 18.12-14. What does this story reveal to you about the heart of the Father towards Christians who stray from His will? How ought this truth shape the way you feel about your own sin and the sin of others?
- Read 18.15-20. Have people share their experiences with church discipline in churches. What concerns do they have about participating in this process to rescue someone? What questions do they have? how can the first step of this process (one on one) take place in your small group in a loving, redemptive way?
- Read 18.21-35. What impacted you most as you thought about this story this week? What tempts us to be like the unforgiving servant? What can we do to protect ourselves from an unforgiving spirit? What helps you grasp that you have been forgiven a \$10 billion dollar debt by God in such a way that you are empowered to pass it on?
- Spend just a few minutes reviewing the JOF numbers below and praying for the needs of our church in this matter. Remind your group that we will collect our commitments for 2015 on 11/23.

2015 JOF Stats

2014 Total Building Fund Pledges
\$177,000.00
2014 Building Fund Pledges Received
(As of September 30, 2014)
\$123,790.00 (\$9,325.00 Less than Pledged)
2014 Interest Paid
\$24,300.00
Principal Balance
\$744,000.00
Potential Mortgage Payoff in 2019