

The Lord's Prayer

Forgiveness

Confirmation - Lesson B7

Name: _____

Date: _____

Memory Verse of the Week: "For if you _____ 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." **Matthew 6:14-15**

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." **Matthew 6:12**

Matthew 18:21-35 - Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

Characters of the parable

King - Represents _____ and it shows his grace and mercy to those who seek it

1st Servant - Represents people that love God's mercy, but fail to _____ it to others

2nd Servant - Represents people that _____ us

What does the parable teach us about forgiveness and the Kingdom of God?

- We have accumulated a ridiculous amount of _____ (sin) against the King (God)
- The King (God) is _____ and offers _____ for those that acknowledge their debt (sin) and ask for forgiveness
- God takes _____ very seriously and always brings judgment
- Christ followers are _____ to be gracious & merciful and live out forgiveness
- The debt (sin) of those that don't forgive is _____ to them to pay back and they have rejected the King's (God's) desires

How do we forgive those that sin against us?

1) Recognize the _____ (debt) that has happened and don't dismiss it

2) Approach the person, recognize the wrong, and attempt _____

Ephesians 4:26-27 - 'In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold.'

3) Always view the situation through the perspective of the _____

Col. 3:13 - 'Forgive as the Lord forgave you'

Forgiveness in Greek - Turn loose, let go, not hold against someone, release of debt

4) Give up the role of _____ and allow God to play that role

Romans 12:19 - 'Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.'

Main Point: We recognize the incredible amount that God has _____ us and we are able to freely forgive those that wrong us.

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) Read Mark 11:25... "When you are praying, if you are angry with someone, forgive him so that your Father in heaven will also forgive your sins." **What does this verse mean to you?**

2) Write out about a time when somebody was mean to you or hurt your feelings. How did it make you feel?

3) When someone is mean to you, do you want to get even? Why or why not?

4) Why is it hard to forgive?

5) Why is it better to forgive rather than to get even? Explain.

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

Family Time

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Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. The best time to do it is together in the car, while eating a meal together, or simply anytime you can spend some time together.

1) This week you get to **interview your parent(s)**. Ask these questions:

a) What does forgiveness mean to you?

b) What false things have you believed about forgiveness or what does our culture teach us incorrectly about forgiveness?

c) Are there limitations on how much we should forgive someone? Why or why not?

d) What is our family's culture of forgiveness? Should we change anything?

**Weekly
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2) Did any of your parent's answers above surprise you? If so what?

3) Read together with your family Psalm 103:8-13 and write down 3 things that you like about this passage

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

4) Do you believe that God has forgiven all your sins? Does that affect how you forgive others?

Parent(s) _____

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Sibling(s)/Other _____

5) Open your Small Catechism to #278 and read the question and answers. What does this mean to you?

Your Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(WRITE LEGIBLY!!)