



SERMON DISCUSSION

Foolish Not To

Quotable Moments:

- It's what rattles around inside our hearts that keeps us from adulting well.
- Forgiven people are foolish not to forgive.

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

Key Things You Heard:

- It's what rattles around inside our hearts that keeps us from adulting well.
- Our ability to get along with one another is a sign of how well we follow Jesus. It's what love requires of us.
- Forgiveness means to cancel the debt.
- All sin comes pre-packaged with a penalty.
- Forgiveness has to do with the past. Reconciliation has to do with the present. Trust has to do with the future.

Pray: Jesus, thank you for your grace extended to me. Thank you for forgiving my incredible debt. I realize how wrong it is to hold on to unforgiveness towards others, when I have been forgiven so much. As I identify grudges I have kept, help me by your Spirit's power to cancel the debt. I choose to live in your grace and extend grace to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Moving Forward:

- Make a list of things you have been forgiven (from God and from others).
- Talk to a trusted mentor or group leader about your struggle with unforgiveness.
- Re-watch and/or share the sermon with a friend. Go to rivertown.cc or the RCC App.

Questions for Group Discussion:

First Minutes: Describe the feeling when you move from owing a debt to being free from the debt?

- Which of the following statements describe your thought process?
 - If I forgive, justice isn't being served.
 - If I forgive, they're off the hook.
 - If I forgive, I have to resume the relationship.
 - If I forgive, I must trust them again.
- In Jesus' story recorded in Matthew, contrast the difference between the two amounts owed. Why do you think Jesus used such extreme amounts? What lesson was He trying to get across?
- Read Matthew 18:32-35. How does Jesus' closing statement communicate the seriousness with which God sees unforgiveness? Why?
- Paul said that we have two options: grudges or forgiveness. Why does a simple choice seem so difficult for us?
- Examine your heart. Where are you holding a grudge? (Hint: where do you rehearse painful actions or conversations in your head)
- How might gratitude for forgiveness granted to you help prevent grudges from creeping into your heart? How is gratitude an antidote for unforgiveness?