



Series: Unexpected Messiah
Passage Matthew 18:10-35
Title: Exhibiting Unbridled Forgiveness
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Discussion Starter – What are some of the things that challenge you the most in exhibiting unbridled forgiveness of others?

The Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matthew 18:10-14)

- Why is it important to remember this parable in the context to us as we look to exhibit unbridled forgiveness for others? What is this revealing to us about God’s nature? What does God want us to take away from this lesson?

If a Brother Sins Against You (Matthew 18:15-22)

- Read Matthew 18:15 and Proverbs 17:9. What are some of the unique instructions we see contained in these verses? Why are we inclined to blab to others rather than going to a brother or sister alone?
- What are some of the wrong motives we use to confront people who have offended us? What are some of the problems that occur when confronting our offenders with the wrong motives?
- Who are the one or two more people we are supposed to bring with us if our brother or sister won’t hear us? (Matthew 18:16). What are some of the qualifications you want in the people who you want to bring with you?
- At first glance Matthew 18:17 may seem to be harsh and lacking in grace. Pastor David’s point was that Jesus does not forgive unrepentant sinners. Describe this in your own words.
- What does the statement mean “let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector”? Why would Jesus give this instruction? Read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5. What additional insights are revealed to us about the purpose of church discipline? What happens in the absence of church discipline?
- What does it mean to be our brother’s keeper? Read Galatians 6:1-2 and Romans 3:23.
- Read Matthew 18:18-20. What is the context for the proper use and purpose of these verses? How are these verses often misused by some in the church today?
- What is Jesus teaching Peter about forgiveness as He responds to Peter’s question about how many times we must forgive someone?
- We know that forgiveness is not always easy. Pastor David gave us five of his own tips for making forgiveness easier. What were they and which one of the five tips spoke to you the most?
- Read Matthew 18:23-35. What is Jesus trying to convey to us here in this story? How does it relate to us?