

## Forgiving Others

Matthew 18:21-35

### Introduction

#### Why is it so difficult for us to forgive one another?

#### Three assertions:

I. From God, we desire \_\_\_\_\_ in place of \_\_\_\_\_ . vss 23 - 27

- a) We \_\_\_\_\_ our offense against God.
- b) There is \_\_\_\_\_ we have which can pay back God for our offense.
- c) God is infinitely \_\_\_\_\_.

II. To others, we desire \_\_\_\_\_ in place of \_\_\_\_\_ . vss 28 - 31

- a) We have a strong sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) We demand \_\_\_\_\_ for offenses done to us.

How can we forget what God has done for us?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is easy to forgive.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ crowds out God's

mercy.

III. God desires is that we show \_\_\_\_\_ to others as he has shown \_\_\_\_\_ to us. vss 32 - 35

#### Questions for Discussion:

- Recall an incident or person who took advantage of you. What did you do to try to make it right?
- Look back at the three reasons why we seem to forget how God has shown us mercy. Which of these applies to you and why do you think this is so?
- Try to recall a person that wrongfully hurt you and that you were able to show unilateral mercy. Why were you able to do so? And if you can't recall such an incident, what does that say about your heart?