HARD TRUTH

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MESSAGE RECAP

Forgiveness is hard. Maybe the hardest thing we do as followers of Jesus. So, what is forgiveness? Forgiveness is deciding that somebody doesn't owe me anymore. Again, that's hard but even more difficult and dangerous is holding on to unforgiveness. This week we looked at the danger of living as someone who is fully forgiven and still holding onto unforgiveness. Jesus gives us a better idea of this as he tells a story in Matthew 18:23-35 that gives everyone a warning and reminder.

The Warning: Unforgiveness punishes you, not the object of your forgiveness. The Reminder: Forgiveness frees you, not the object of your unforgiveness.

GROUP DISCUSSION

- 1. How have you been processing forgiveness and unforgiveness in our messages?
- **2.** Read Matthew 18:23-35 and talk through different ideas that stand out. How generous is the master? How greedy is the servant?
- In this text there is a warning in verse 35? Take some time to process what this means to you? Take some time to process Matthew 6:14-15.
- 4. Process the Warning: In what way's has unforgiveness affected you?
- 5. Process the Reminder: In What ways does forgiveness set you free?
- **6.** We said: "What happened in our past has the ability to define our future, but that doesn't mean it has the right to define our future." What does that mean considering your Christ centered story? Read Colossians 2:13-15 for further discussion.



Take some time to pray!