

Forgiveness (Matthew 18.21-35)

I. Jesus' parable (v 23-35) —

A. King's forgiveness of his indebted slave. (v 23-27)

1. An insurmountable sum: _____
2. The slave only asked for _____
3. But the king gave _____

B. Slave's mercilessness toward another. (v 28-30)

1. A lesser debt: _____
2. The second slave's _____ appeal
3. But the first slave offered _____

C. The punishment of that slave. (v 31-35)

1. "Should...have had _____"
2. Instead, his former mercy was _____

II. Lessons from the parable —

A. _____ forgiveness. (v 23-27; Romans 5.6-8)

B. Our _____ to forgive. (v 28-35, 15-17)

C. "From your _____" (v 35; Ephesians 4.32)

1. Focus on _____ of you.
2. Ask for the _____.
3. Make the effort to forgive and _____.

III. Conclusion —

A. *Matthew 6.12, 14-15; Luke 17.3-4; 1 Corinthians 13.6; Colossians 3.12-14*

B. Desperately needed in every context of our lives — _____
