

**LEARN**

Read Matthew 6:12 together. What stands out from the text or from the sermon that was helpful, challenging or encouraging?

What are the 2 vitally important realities of God's forgiveness we need to grasp? Which of the 2 do you need to dwell on and praise God for more than you normally do?

(Infinitely costly and eternally freeing. The idea of the 2<sup>nd</sup> question is to think about ways you may over or under emphasize one or the other.)

How should we understand Jesus' warning in verse 14-15?

(It's not "because" but "as" we forgive others. Forgiven people forgive, whole idea behind Parable of Unforgiving Servant. Forgiving others is a necessary evidence of truly receiving God's forgiveness.)

**PRACTICE**

What happens in your heart if you lose sight of either the costliness of God's forgiveness or the eternal freedom found in God's forgiveness? How is it restored?

(Shallow confession w/o heart change when we don't consider costliness. Ongoing guilt, shame, self-loathing when we lose sight of freedom found in forgiveness.)

What does it look like for you to personally "cultivate a pattern of regular confession"?

(The hope is to hear from various people either how they do cultivate it, or how they hope to, in response to God's Word. Where people don't have one, collectively seek to provide 1-2 helpful ideas to get started.)

Of the signs Pastor Scott gave that you haven't forgiven others, which 1-2 stuck out as something you struggle with?

(Unresolved bitterness, harboring grudges, desire for revenge, intentional avoidance of someone, seeking someone harm.)

**CHANGE**

Is there anyone in your life that you are not forgiving? Or, someone you are struggling to forgive? Share briefly as men/women who those people are and then go to God in prayer for God's help to obey his call to forgive others as he has forgiven us.