



Going Deeper into “When We Can’t Forgive” – Romans 12:16-21

In Matthew 18:21-35, we see that Jesus takes forgiveness very seriously, and expects us to forgive others because we have been forgiven so much by God.

Prior to this sermon, how have you viewed and approached forgiveness?

What is your reaction to Jesus’ teaching that our forgiveness of others is tied to God’s forgiveness of us?

Based on Matthew 18:21-35, how important is forgiveness to our Christian witness?

In today’s sermon, Pastor David challenged us to think of a person we have not forgiven and to apply Romans 12:16-21 to that situation.

What has this person done to you that you have not been able to forgive?

How have you attempted to take vengeance for yourself in response to this person and situation (even the silent treatment could be considered a type of “vengeance”)?

How has your unforgiveness affected you? How does it affect your relationship with other people?

What would it take to make room for God’s vengeance in this situation and to forgive this person? Within reason, what would it look like to respond to this person with love?

Please pray: Heavenly Father, thank you for saving me and forgiving me of my sins. Help me to forgive those who hurt me, to trust in your righteous judgment and to truly leave those who hurt me to your wrath. When I find it hard to forgive, give me grace to forgive through your Holy Spirit living in me. Amen.