

QUESTIONS

Day 1 - Review

1. Write down something new you learned from the commentary notes.
2. Write down something new you learned from listening to the lecture.

Day 2 - Matthew 18:21-22

These two verses provide a context for this week's parables. (Note: The Rabbis taught that a good Jew should forgive someone 3 times.)

3. ? Thought Question: In light of the "forgiveness" custom noted above, what is interesting to you about Peter suggesting in his question that he should forgive someone 7 times?
4. What do you think Jesus meant when he responded in verse 22 that one should forgive his brother seventy times seven (or 490) times?

5. Beside each scripture below, write down a principle you learn about forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15-

Colossians 3:13-

Romans 12:20-21-

2 Corinthians 2:5-8-

6. ? Personal Question: According to the verses listed in Question 5 and also Ephesians 4:32, what is your motivation for forgiving? Why is forgiveness always the right thing to do even if your offender never asks for forgiveness? (Note: Use Luke 23:34 to help you answer this question.)

Day 3 - Matthew 18:23-27

7. List 5 bullet point facts that occur in verses 23-27. (Note: Commentators are divided about how much a talent would convert into today's currency. They all agree, though, that 10,000 talents would equal multiple millions in today's dollars.)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

8. ? Thought Question: What principle about God do you learn from verses 23-27? (If you get more than one principle, then list them all.)

9. ? Personal Question: How might you apply in your own life, one or more of the principles you listed in your answer to question 8?

Day 4 - Matthew 18:28-30

(Note: A denarii equaled one day's wages.)

10. List 5 bullet point facts that occur in verses 28-30.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.

11. What principle about mankind do you learn from verses 28-30? (If you get more than one principle, then list them all.)

12. ? Personal Question: How might you apply to your own life the principle or principles that you listed in your answer to question 11?

Day 5 - Matthew 18:31-35

13. What was the fate of the unmerciful servant? What did the master say to him?
14. Why was the master so angry? What do you think the master's anger theologically represents?
15. ? Thought Question: Do you think the unmerciful servant ever had a real chance to pay off his debt to the master? What does this spiritually represent?
16. ? Personal Question: How do you think you can pay off your debt of sin to God? (Note: Use Colossians 2:13-14 to help you answer this question.)

Day 6 - Reread Matthew 18:21-35

17. ? Personal Question: What is your main takeaway from this parable?
18. ? Personal Question: Is there someone that you need to forgive today? What steps are you willing to take?
19. ? Personal Question: Take a moment to contemplate how much God has forgiven you? How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God now?
20. ? Thought Question: Why do you think forgiveness is so important to the Christian faith?