



Discussion Guide 3

ONE-MINUTE RECAP

During his sermon this week, Pastor Kyle discussed the high cost and lengthy process of repairing relationships.

- He said followers of Jesus need to take the initiative toward reconciliation—regardless of whether we have been offended or are the offender.
- Aspiring followers of Jesus need to prioritize making amends with God before addressing conflicts with others.
- Through following Jesus, one can attain inner peace by establishing a connection with God.

Practice a Parable

Read Matthew 18:21-35

Peter wants to know when he can stop having to "go first" in forgiving others. Jesus doesn't answer his question the way he expects.

- We are always looking for the limit or boundary when it comes to loving those who are hard to love. **What do you think Jesus is saying in this parable?**
- The master completely forgave the servant's colossal debt. **How would you respond if every debt (whether financial or spiritual) was completely forgiven?**

1) When have you "gone first" in addressing a conflict with others? What was the outcome of that?

2) Do you think it's possible to have peace with others, even if you don't have peace with God?

Ten thousand talents combines the largest Greek numeral with the largest unit of currency. Even one talent was a small fortune; ten thousand was beyond the wildest dreams of ordinary people. A hundred denarii is not a negligible amount (a hundred days' wages) but is a mere six-hundred-thousandth of the first sum!*

The Good Stuff

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

HOW DO WE PRACTICE GRATITUDE FOR FORGIVENESS?

Take out a piece of paper. Write out your five biggest "debts"—or what you might call your biggest failures.

READ Hebrews 10:12-14, NIV

12 But when this priest [Jesus] had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.



THIS WEEK'S FOLLOW PRACTICE:

1. CROSS OUT EVERY SINGLE ITEM ON THAT LIST ONE BY ONE.
2. PRAY "THANK YOU." EACH TIME.
3. WRITE IN THE MARGIN: "PAID IN FULL. I AM BEING MADE PERFECT."

EXTRA CREDIT: SHARE WITH THE GROUP ONE OF THOSE THINGS YOU WROTE DOWN AND WHAT IT MIGHT MEAN TO YOU TO HONESTLY BELIEVE IT'S PAID FOR BY PERFECT LOVE.