

## **Bible Summary**

The Kingdom of Heaven  
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Matthew 18:21-35

One of the most precious acts of worship we will ever give God is trusting God with our pain. This is precisely why Jesus' parable to Peter concerning forgiveness is so challenging. Many of us have found ourselves buried in guilt and shame over things we've done in the past. We've given up all hope and have become resentful, even enraged at the injustice and violence committed against us. Jesus invites us into a way of living out the Kingdom of Heaven where things that are impossible by man are possible with God. A Kingdom where, maybe for the first time, we understand what it means to do the impossible 'from our hearts'.

Scriptures – Matthew 18:21-35, Eph. 4:32, I Peter 1:22, Luke 6:27-36, Matthew 11:28-29, Jonah 4:1-3

## **Bible Questions & Application**

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.  
There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. "Our job in the kingdom is to create a circle of compassion and make sure no one is standing outside of it." What does this mean to you?
2. Christianity is not about behavioral management. Why is that so hard for us to remember?
3. "Unforgiveness becomes a cancer in us." How does this happen?
4. "Expectations are only premeditated resentments." Can you have healthy expectations?  
If yes, how so?
5. One of the signs of having the disease of unforgiveness is "becoming cynical about God and His character." Has this ever affected you? If so, have you worked through it?
6. Repentance is not as much about turning from sin as it is turning to God. Discuss.
7. "The greatest gift you will ever give God is your pain." Could this be true? Why?
8. "The pain is in our resistance (of forgiving others)." Does this surprise you?
9. "It is so much easier to be angry than sad." Does this ring true in your heart? If so, why?

## **"Getting to Know You" Questions**

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?