

"Forgiveness: Healing at Its Own Pace" Matthew 18:15-35 Sam Burleson, April 14, 2024

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• As time allows, general conversation about the sermon is welcomed.

**Discussion Questions** 

- Pastor Sam mentions that forgiveness is often complicated because we may not fully understand what was taken from us. How do you think this lack of clarity impacts our ability to forgive?
- Sometimes it's hard to forgive because of the fear of being taken advantage of by repeat offenders. How can we balance offering forgiveness with setting healthy boundaries to protect ourselves from further harm?
- Jesus' response to Peter's question about forgiveness emphasizes the idea of limitless forgiveness. How does this concept challenge traditional notions of justice and retribution?
- The parable of the unforgiving servant illustrates the magnitude of forgiveness that God extends to us compared to the comparatively minor offenses we hold against others. How does this perspective shift our understanding of forgiveness?
- Pastor Sam suggests that forgiveness is a process that requires both gratitude and connection. How do gratitude and connection facilitate the forgiveness process, both for us and for others?
- Pastor Sam closed the sermon by encouraging us to reflect on what stands between them and the person they need to forgive. Why do you think naming this barrier is important for both personal growth and communal healing?

**Closing Prayer**