

Colossians 31 Study - Cancel the Debt -

Big Idea: God's children always forgive others because they have been forgiven

Part 1: Who should we forgive?

- Who do you have a hard time you to forgive?
 - What have they done to you?
 - How did they make you feel?
- Colossians 3: 12-13
 - Who should we forgive?

Part 2: Why do we have to forgive?

- Why is it hard for us to forgive?
 - What do we do instead of forgiving?
- Matthew 18: 21-35
 - How do we look like the servant in history?
- Matthew 6:12, 14-15
 - Why do we have to forgive?
 - What does the forgiveness received from God have to do with the forgiveness given to others?

Part 3: What is forgiveness?

- Why do we still feel bad when we say "I forgive you"?
- What do we want them to do before we forgive them?
- Romans 5: 1-11

- How does God forgive us?
- What is forgiveness?
- Can you explain the idea of debt?
 - That the offense committed creates a debt
 - And forgiving is to erase the debt that is owed to you
 - It is set to zero
 - That is, "You don't owe me anything"

Application: Forgive as God forgives us

Non-Christian: Receive forgiveness

- Surrender to Jesus and decide to follow Him
 - By repenting and being baptized
 - Accepting Him as your Lord and Savior
- What stops you from receiving the forgiveness of our Father?

Christian: Giving the forgiveness you have received

- Forgive something specific
 - Who do you need to forgive?
 - Decide: you don't owe me anything
- Homework for the week
 - Every time someone hurts you
 - Say what was done to you
 - Say: you do not owe me anything