

INTRO

Grab some paper and a pen. Draw a picture of what you think Jesus looked like.

IDEA 1

Take a moment to remind yourself of the parable Brian highlighted in the sermon.

Read Matthew 18:21-35 together outloud.

As you reflect on the parable, what stands out to you?

What thoughts come to mind or feelings arise as you compare the differing responses to the debts that the King and servant were owed?

IDEA 2

Forgiveness is the giving and receiving of life.

In what ways have you experienced the life-giving power of giving or receiving forgiveness?

In what ways have you struggled to give or receive forgiveness?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Split up into groups of 2 or 3 and take some time to be quiet before God together. Reflect on the following questions:

Is there anything you are struggling to receive forgiveness for?

Is there anyone you are struggling to forgive?

Pay attention to what/who the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

Share with one another as you feel comfortable. Pray together that forgiveness would be received and released.

APPLICATION

What does it look like for you to take steps towards giving or receiving forgiveness this week?

Some steps could include:

- Continue to process with your HC leader or trusted friend
- Spend time praising God, thanking him for the ways you have been forgiven
- Show compassion to someone who is indebted to you