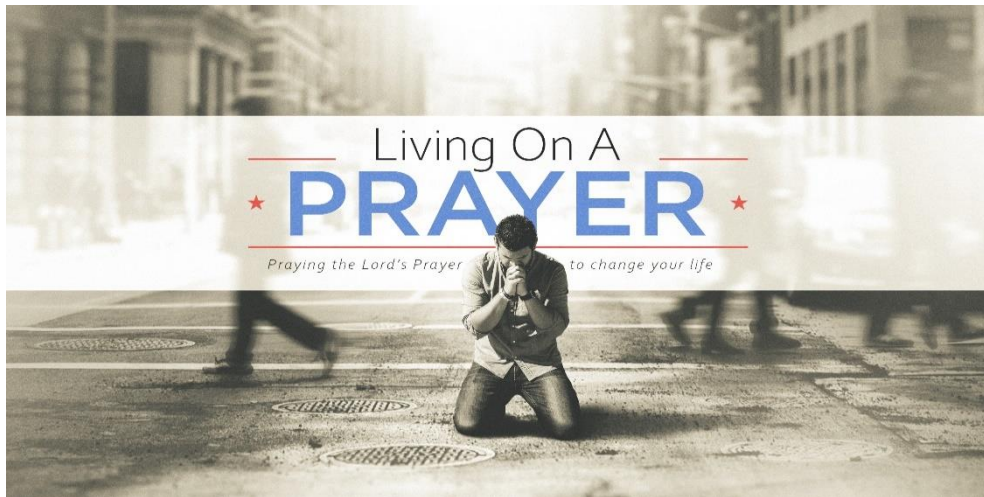


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



SINGING TOGETHER	Led by our worship team To God be the Glory
PRAYER	
SINGING TOGETHER.....	You alone can rescue
WELCOME TO CEC	Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER.....	Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)
BIBLE READING	Matthew 18:21-35 (Church Bible page 1037)
MESSAGE	Taught by Pastor Phill
PERFORMANCE SONG	Forgiveness
CLOSING SONG	Living Hope



Living on a prayer #6
Forgive those who have sinned against us
Matthew 18:21-35

"Forgive us our sins just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us."
Matthew 6:12 NLT

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 NIV

"Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?'" Matthew 18:21 NIV

"Jesus answered, '...not seven times, but seventy-seven times!'" Matthew 18:22 NIV

"For this reason, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him ten thousand talents of money. He couldn't pay, so the king ordered that he, his wife, his children, and everything he had be sold to pay the debt. But the man fell down before the king and begged him, 'Oh, sir, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.' Then the king was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt." Matthew 18:23-27 NLT

WHY WE HAVE TO FORGIVE:

1. God _____ me.

"The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go."
Matthew 18:27 NIV

"All have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious ideal; yet now God declares us not guilty of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who freely takes away all of our sins."
Romans 3:23-24 LB

"But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. 'His fellow-servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt." Matthew 18:28-30 NIV

2. Resentment _____ me.

“To worry yourself to death with resentment would be a foolish, senseless thing to do.”
Job 5:2 TEV

“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow-servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.” Matthew 18:32-34 NIV

“Some men stay happy until the day they die...others have no happiness at all; they live and die with bitter hearts.” Job 21:23-25 GN

“Forgive us our us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.”
Matthew 6:12 NIV

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6:14-15 NIV

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.” Matthew 18:35 NIV

HOW DO I FORGIVE SOMEONE WHO HAS HURT ME?

1. I leave it to _____.

“Never avenge yourselves. Leave that to God, for he has said that he will repay those who deserve it.” Romans 12:19 LB

2. I heal it with _____.

“Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace which God gives, for if he does there can very easily spring up in him a bitter spirit which is not only bad in itself but can also poison the lives of many others.” Hebrews 12:15 JBP

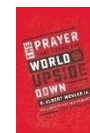
“Christ carried our sins in his body on the cross so we would stop living for sin and start living for what is right. And you are healed because of his wounds.”
1 Peter 2:24 NCV

“We know that our old life died with Christ on the cross so that our sinful selves would have no power over us and we would not be slaves to sin.” Romans 6:6 NCV



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35 and make three observations about the indebted slave. What are the implications of not forgiving? Discuss why the slave, once forgiven, wouldn't forgive his debtors.
2. According to Ephesians 4:32 what should our attitudes be toward each other? If the meaning of grace is that we've been instantly forgiven, what is our responsibility toward each other?
3. What was the result of the slave's lack of forgiveness in Matthew 18:33-34? What behaviour does the master expect of those he's been kind to? How does the lack of forgiveness affect one's sinful state before God?
4. What does Job 5:2 say will happen to an angry person? How do we know when we're harbouring anger or resentment?
5. After reading Matthew 18:34-35, describe how God will treat those who don't forgive. Does this seem cruel? Explain why. What do you think the verse means by "torture"?
6. What does God want us to leave to him according to Romans 12:19? What are some reasons that God does not want us to seek revenge? Name some biblical examples of forgiveness.
7. What warning is given in Hebrews 12:15? Why is it critical to respond to God's grace? What are the long term effects of not receiving God's grace?
8. What happens to our sin according to Romans 6:6? What does the cross have the power to do? How does unconscious sin manipulate our daily lives?



Read: Chapter 6: Forgive us our debts

The prayer of God's new covenant people. (Pages 134-138)

NB: This chapter is split into two. You should have read the first part last week. If you read the whole chapter, why not re-read it, or just this section and prayerfully

think it through.

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