



PASTOR NEIL'S MESSAGE NOTES

May 1, 2022

Review

- If Human beings are Precious to God, what should be our Response?
 - I Must Avoid Favoritism.
 - I Must Always Forgive.

Today's Focus:

Revelation on Preciousness of Souls, Pt.4

If People are Precious to God, I Must Always Forgive.

Story about Forgiveness - Matthew 18:21-35

Lessons from the Matthew 18:21-35

I Must Always Forgive Because....

1. God has forgiven me so much
2. I will need forgiveness in the future - Vs. 32-33
3. Unforgiveness will make me miserable - Vs. 34
4. Forgiveness must be a way of life - Vs. 35

How Can I Always Forgive?

1. It begins with a look at my own need for forgiveness - Matthew 7:1-5
2. Focus on what has been done for you, and not to you.
3. Show mercy and let God bring judgement - Romans 12:17-19
4. Where reconciliation is not possible, walk away - Romans 12:18
5. Show mercy always because your life depends on it - James 2:13

Next Steps:

- Did you pray and give your life to Jesus for the first time today? Email us at pastorneil@covenantfamilychapel.org
- Help Covenant Family Chapel reach more people by sending this message and the notes to someone.
- Visit <https://covenantfamilychapel.org> to listen to another message or listen on WFMD 930AM Radio station in Frederick on Sundays Mornings at 9:30 am and WWNL 1080AM & 103.9FM on Fridays at 3 pm in Pittsburgh (PA, OHIO, MD, and WEST VIRGINIA).

Thank You

Group Study Questions **For the week of May 1, 2022**

YOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE LESSON

1. When we remember our great need for forgiveness and God's incredible provision, we become more open and willing to show mercy and forgive others. What insights do you learn about forgiveness and showing mercy in Matthew 18:21-35?
2. An important part in showing mercy means refusing to seek our own revenge. But doing so can be difficult because it can feel like the other person is getting away with something. In **1 Samuel 24:1-13**, we see an example of David not seeking revenge even though Saul had wronged him. Read this passage and answer the questions below.
 - a. How and why do you think David was able to show mercy and leave justice to God?
 - b. What is the most challenging thing for you if you were to show mercy and not seek justice or revenge?
 - c. How can this passage help motivate you to forgive and show mercy instead of seeking revenge?
3. Showing mercy does not necessarily mean we will forget an offense or trust the offending person again. Sometimes we need to set boundaries that will not allow the offense to continue. How could the following verses help a person be more discerning about who to trust and who not to trust in the future? Matthew 7:18-20; Colossians 2:6-8; 1 Timothy 6:3-5

YOUR STORY

4. Have you ever had the right to seek revenge but chosen not to? If so, describe the circumstances. Can you say you were led by the Holy Spirit to respond that way?

TAKING IT HOME

5. Which point from this weekend's message or Group Discussion is most important for you to remember? _____