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FUNDOCY Homework: Forgive Us

Lesson Taught on Sunday, April 28

Homework Due: Sunday, May 12

Unforgiven sin is an infected sliver, festering beneath the surface of our lives. A grudge is a ravenous worm eating at the root of your health. Unless we deal with the problems in our hearts, they will deal with us. Unless we attempt the radical surgery of confessing the sin, anger, or grudge, those evils within can only lead to trouble. Expecting God to forgive us without our willingness to forgive others will only lead to callousness, poisoned relationships, and death.

The Fifth Petition is a dangerous prayer. We are asking God not to forgive us unless we are willing to forgive others. So, what now?

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Matthew 6:12. This is the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer. It says:

"Forgive us our _____ as we also have _____
our _____".

2. In your own words, what is this petition asking God to do?

3. Read Matthew 18:21-35.

- a. How many times does Jesus instruct Peter to forgive another member of the church who sins against him? _____
- b. If you were the first slave (the one whose debt of 10,000 talents—a really really, really big amount!—was forgiven), how would you have reacted when you came upon another person who owed you a hundred denarii (about 100 days wages)?

Why would you have reacted this way?

4. Read Psalm 103:12. What does this mean? [if you don't know, ask your parents for some help].

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5. Read Romans 6:23.
 - a. According to this verse, what is the consequence of sin? _____
 - b. But what is the gift given to us by Christ? _____
 6. Using a dictionary, define "consequence":
A consequence is _____

 7. Using a dictionary, define "forgiveness":
Forgiveness is _____

 8. In your own words, what is the difference between "consequence" and "forgiveness"?

 9. Can you be *forgiven* but still have *consequences*? _____
Why or why not? _____

 10. What does it mean to "forgive" as God has forgiven?:
 - a. To not hold someone's sins against them
 - b. To not cut them out of relationship with you
 - c. To continue to give them a break even though they deserve nothing but punishment
 - d. All of the above and then some
 11. How are we to respond to God's grace and forgiveness?:
 - a. We are to hardly forgive and sadly do good to those who sin against us,
 - b. We are to heartily forgive and madly do good to those who sin against us,
 - c. We are to heartily forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us,
 - d. I don't respond to sinners
 12. The word "consequence" comes from two words meaning:
 - a. With + what follows closely,
 - b. With + punishment,
 - c. With + actions,
 - d. With + glittery little specks that make your ballet tutu shimmer in the stage lights
 13. How is refusing to forgive like wearing a weight on your back?:

- a. Not forgiving makes you gain weight,
- b. Not forgiving weighs you down with anger, guilt and unresolved issues,
- c. Carrying excess weight is good for you and makes you strong,
- d. None of the above

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. Why do you think Jesus added “forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us” to the Lord’s Prayer?

2. List two people you need to forgive:

- a. _____
- b. _____

3. List two people who need to forgive you:

- a. _____
- b. _____

4. Of the people you listed in #2 and #3, whom will you speak to first?

Why?

5. A friend took money from a club at school and told everyone you did it. Now your classmates all think you are a thief. The friend comes to you asking for forgiveness. What do you say?

6. You have been abused by a relative. They are threatening you not to go public. They say you must forgive them if you are a Christian.

What do you say?

What do you do?
