

*Stories with Intent*  
Am I Missing the Implications of God's Forgiveness?  
Matthew 18:21-35

What things seem astonishing in this parable?

What would you say Jesus is hoping to accomplish by telling this story? What expectation is he setting up for God's Kingdom on earth?

Forgiveness is here presented as legitimately costly and difficult. Where do you sense barriers & obstacles with regards to forgiveness & relationships?

How would you articulate Jesus's path for us to learn to forgive?

How does this passage shape our idea of what God's rule and reign in our lives right now look like? How does it impact our view of sin? Of the importance of person to person relationships?

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering Matthew 20:1-16 'Am I Missing God's Goodness?'

