

# SOUTHVILLE GENERATION

## DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

### 17.05.20 Session Aim

To explore the parable of the unforgiving servant, investigating what it means to forgive and how this parable challenges my attitude to forgiving others.

### Bible Verses to CHECK OUT!

Matthew 18:21-35, Colossians 3:13

### VIDEO/DISCUSSION:

➤ WATCH THE VIDEO – Parable Of The Unforgiving Servant

## READ Matthew 18:21-35

<sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>[a]</sup>”

<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold<sup>[b]</sup> was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ <sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins.<sup>[c]</sup> He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had

happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

<sup>32</sup>“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. <sup>33</sup>Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ <sup>34</sup>In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

<sup>35</sup>“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

**Think about the following questions to help you understand the passage more:**

- How might Jesus’ response surprise Peter?
- Does this story surprise you?
- How does this story challenge us?
- What questions would you ask Jesus about forgiveness now?

**The Point:** To explore the parable of the unforgiving servant in Matthew 18:21-35 in more detail and how we, like Peter, grow in our understanding the more we listen to Jesus’ teaching.