



STUDY GUIDE

March 9-10, 2019



Series Overview: Jesus didn't come to this planet to enhance an old religion. He didn't come just to make bold proclamations and offer wise teachings. From the moment an angel told Mary she would give birth to a Son whose 'Kingdom would not end,' it was clear: Jesus came to introduce something new, not to extend something old. He came to replace something that had been in place since the time of Moses, and our world hasn't been the same since.

Watch	Introduction
<p>"Forgiveness and Mercy"</p> <p>The sermon is up on the spac.ca website Monday of each week.</p>	<p>Hypocrites drove Jesus crazy. It's fascinating how many people in our culture associate Christianity with anger and judgement – that wasn't Jesus. He was His most gracious best with 'outsiders,' with those on the margins, while His most condemning words were directed at religious 'insiders.' Words like this: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people's faces!"</p> <p>Jesus taught that the key to becoming merciful is understanding the mercy that's come to us, and one of the ways He illustrated this was in the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Part of what Jesus is doing in this parable is letting us know that one of the best ways to tell whether or not someone has a real relationship with God is whether they're able to forgive.</p>

Engage
<p style="text-align: center;">Scripture: Matthew 18:15-17; 21-35</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If you could summarize the sermon in one minute, what would you say? 2. If you could summarize this teaching series in one minute, what would you say!? 3. How do you react to the idea of forgiving someone when they've not necessarily asked for forgiveness? 4. The line "If you grant forgiveness, in time you'll feel forgiveness" was used in the message. Agree? Disagree? 5. Read Matthew 18:15-17. Have you seen this teaching from Matthew's Gospel lived out? (*No names or specifics please!) What might be the consequences of failing to follow this teaching? 6. How is God's Spirit prompting you regarding forgiveness?

Pray	Announce
<p>For a fresh sense of what it means to be forgiven by Jesus.</p> <p>For continued conversations resulting from the Reveal conference this weekend.</p> <p>For the Spirit's prompting regarding forgiveness in your life.</p> <p>You can request prayer any time PRAYER REQUESTS.</p>	<p>Hymn Sing – Mar 10</p> <p>Galaxyland – March 15</p> <p>Senior's Supper – March 27</p> <p>Check out: www.spac.ca/events</p>
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