

Week 2: the forgives APP
Date: Sunday 15th May 2011
Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Forgiveness frees us from the chains that come from holding grudges and nursing wounds.

Embracing God's Forgiveness is where to start

How does Jesus' death on the cross show us the power of forgiveness? Does the cross cover every sin? Why do we sometimes struggle to accept God's forgiveness?

Forgiven people forgive

Jesus clearly calls his followers to forgive others. Why do we sometimes find it difficult to forgive others (focus on the small things at this point, we'll discuss the 'big sins' in a moment)? Do we take Jesus' connection between us being forgiven and us forgiving others seriously enough?

Allow God to avenge (Rom 12v17-19)

Sometimes we suffer 'big sins'/evil. Does choosing to trust God to avenge really make a difference? Is this simply 'letting people off the hook'? Is it a 'dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God' (Heb 10v31)?

Overcome evil with good (Rom 12v20-21)

Until you let a grudge/hurt go you can never overcome it, God calls us to choose to do good. What does 'good' look like? How does that overcome evil?