

Forgiveness as Worship

Matthew 18:21-35
October 4 & 11, 2026

The question of forgiveness leads us to the heart of God. Leviticus 16

Our acts of forgiveness, then, will be incomplete until we experience them as an act of worship.

*Worship is primarily a reminder of something old,
not the discovery of something new.*

I. **FORGIVENESS and The Riddle of God**

God's essential character is in apparent conflict. Exodus 34:6

- a. **JUSTICE** requires that the guilty party pays.
- b. **COMPASSION** seeks another way
- c. **LOVINGKINDNESS** and **FAITHFULNESS** chart the course.
- d. **FORGIVENESS** requires that the innocent pay
- e. **RECONCILIATION** upon request

Part II

II. **FORGIVENESS and the Worship of God**

Restoring God's people in conflict. II Corinthians 5

- a. **CONFRONTED** by Injustice
- b. **GRACE** remembered in worship
- c. The **SPIRIT** charts the course
- d. **FORGIVENESS (payment)** happens in worship first.
- e. **RECONCILIATION** upon request

BEING A DISCIPLE

Surprised by Joy
September 2025

A Disciple Listens to the Teacher

The Five Teaching Sections of Matthew

- 1. Matthew 5-7
- 2. Matthew 9:35-10:42
- 3. Matthew 13
- 4. Matthew 18
- 5. Matthew 24-25

The **SERMON** on the MOUNT

Matthew 5 – 7

The **COST** of DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 9:35-10:42

Parables of the Kingdom
Matthew 13

February-March 2024

WHO IS IN THE KINGDOM?

Matthew 13:10-17

RELATIONSHIPS IN THE KINGDOM?

Matthew 18

The **Greatest** in the Kingdom

September 6

The **Little Ones**

September 13

Discipline and The Little Ones

September 20

Take 2

September 27

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