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1) Read Matthew 12:22-37. What's surprising, confusing or frustrating about this passage?



"Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven.." ~Matthew 12:31

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." ~A.W. Tozer

- 2) What's the first thing that comes to mind when you think of God? Where does forgiveness fit in? Why is the idea of forgiveness so outrageous? Have you ever worried about committing the unforgiveable sin?
- 3) Why is blasphemy against the Spirit the 'unforgiveable' sin? Why is forgiveness a problem for God?
- 4) What is the metaphor used to describe you and me in vs. 29? How does forgiveness make this image more sweet for you?
- 5) How does astonishment at God's forgiveness motivate your patience and forgiveness of the everyday irritants? How does God's forgiveness affect the words you speak?
- 6) Take time to pray that God would build up your belief and give aid in controlling your tongue.