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“When people sin against us and owe us, it is hard to stop expecting them to pay for it- to make up for it – and even harder to be the one who pays the debt for them instead...”

“And out of pity for him, the master of the servant released him and forgave the debt.” ~Matthew 18:121-35

If you have come to God by faith and received his salvation, God's presence is the one place in the universe where you are safe from accusation and judgment. Nothing we have done is minimized, but everything we have done is covered in the atonement of Christ.”

~Ruth Anne Batstone, Moving On: Beyond Forgive and Forget

- 1) Read Matthew 18:21-35. Is there anything from the sermon or passage that you found confusing, surprising or encouraging?
- 2) Why is forgiveness so difficult? What is your favorite hiding place when you are running from forgiveness?
- 3) What do you think about Jesus' teaching on forgiveness to Peter and in the parable?
- 4) What three things does the Master/King do to forgive the servant?
- 5) How are you like the unforgiving servant? What practical, healthy, ways are there to reflect on the size of your debt that was forgiven by God in Christ's death on the cross?
- 6) Pray for Hope Church to be a forgiving community because of the grace of the gospel. Use Psalm 32 as a guide.

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

~Psalm 32:1-2