

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions help us dialog with the sermon, music, and liturgy in this morning's worship service. Together, these elements provide space for reflection and prayer during personal devotions, group studies, and family worship.

1. How does the word "debt" help us understand our sin? How does the word "debt" help us understand the cost of forgiveness?
2. How was forgiveness being sold at the time of the Reformation? In what way is forgiveness still for sale today?
3. What is the difference between Christian forgiveness and the common idea of forgiveness as forgetting?
4. Is forgiving others a condition or a consequence of the forgiveness we receive in the Gospel?
5. Why is true forgiveness costly? What does it cost us to forgive others? How did Jesus pay the cost for our forgiveness?

Prayer Prompts:

*Use the following prompts to guide you in prayer this week: Matthew 6.9-15
"Forgive Us Our Debts"*

1. Praise God using the words of Psalm 103.1-3, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases."
2. Ask God to reveal your sin and humble your heart before Him using the words of Psalm 130.3, "If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?"
3. Give God thanks for His gracious forgiveness in Jesus Christ using the words of Psalm 130.4, "But with You there is forgiveness of sin, that You may be feared."
4. Pray that God would give you a renewed tenderness and strength of heart to obey the words of Colossians 3.12-13, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive."