

## ***Mercy Not Revenge***

Matthew 18:21-35

### **Sermon Discussion Questions**

**December 17, 2023**

1. In the message, we see examples of forgiveness in *Les Misérables* and the story of Joseph. What are some examples of forgiveness that you have seen in everyday life? Where have you seen God being merciful and gracious in your life?
2. See **Genesis 4**. What are some of the reasons why Jesus responds to Peter to forgive 77 times?
3. The parable depicts the King as being merciful but not gracious as he does not bestow blessings that the servant did not deserve. How does this stand in contrast to God's character and how we are to view our status with him in relationship?
4. Why do you think followers of Jesus still find it difficult to admit and forgive sin? How does culture, upbringing, personality, other religions, education affect our responsiveness to sin and willingness to forgive others?
5. What might above and beyond forgiveness look like in the face of some of these difficult situations: sexual abuse, unfaithfulness in marriage, emotional or physical abuse, divorce, abandonment, spiritual neglect, division?
6. How does the Christmas season point towards forgiveness with regards to our relationship with God and others?