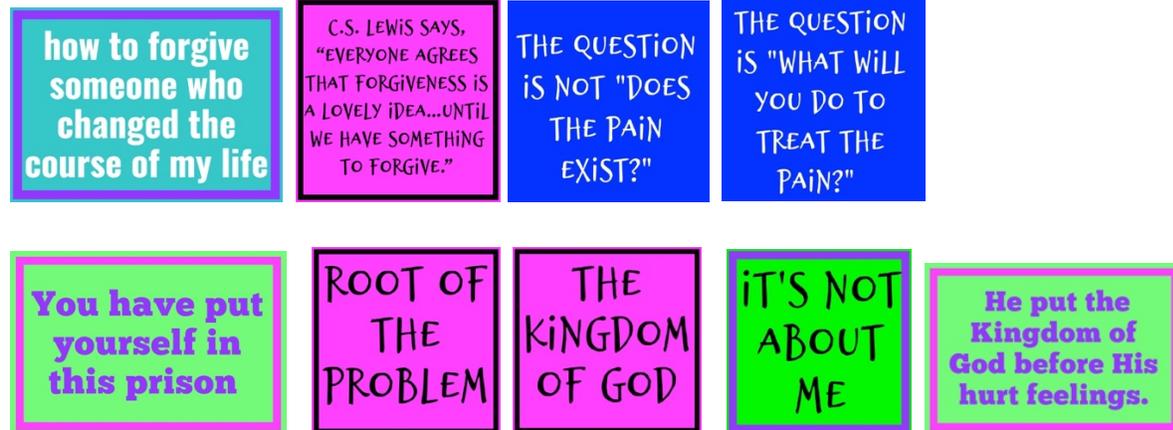


Lesson 18
The
PARABLES
of Jesus

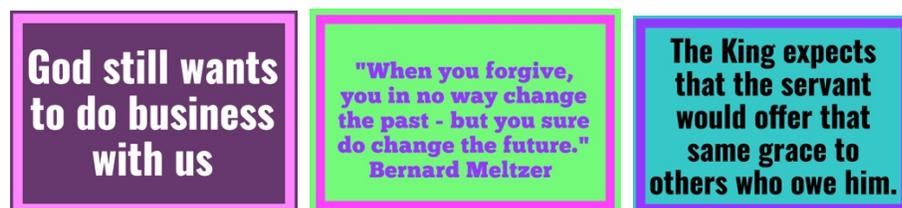
LIFE CHANGING STORIES
THE BEGINNING

Parables Lesson 18 Handout



Matt 18:21-22 "Peter came to Jesus and asked Him, 'Lord how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?'"

Matthew 18:23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. ²⁶ "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' ²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.



28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He

grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.



Romans 12:14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Deuteronomy 32:35

35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; their foot shall slip in due time; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'

**God's
got this.**

**Admit
the pain.**

Luke 23:33-34

33 And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left.

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.

**Pray for the
person who
hurt you.**

"Forgiveness has nothing to do with absolving a criminal of his crime. It has everything to do with relieving oneself of the burden of being a victim--letting go of the pain and transforming oneself from victim to survivor." C.R. Strahan

**I am wasting
precious time
on this earth.**

**Let go of
the pain.**

**Pray
for you.**

**Because
we have
hurt Him.**

Ephesians 4:32

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

It is difficult to accept that the past has passed. Sometimes, it's so hard just to leave it there, where it belongs. But until we do, we cannot make peace with the present or walk into the future with hope.

Go to that person.

Apologize.

Pray for them that they will have a heart to forgive.

Pray for yourself that you will be patient.

