



How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

Sermon Main Idea:

Kingdom Community is messy with conflict. As citizens, we are to relentlessly pursue restoration and reconciliation, in humility, with infinite forgiveness.

Introduction:

1. What are some tendencies in our culture when facing conflict? Why do you think we do those things?
2. How have you experienced conflict done well? What was the result in the relationship?

SOAP:

Scripture | read Matthew 18:15-35 and relate last week's daily bible readings

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the significance of going first to speak to the offender, "just between the two of you"? (v15)
2. Read Deut. 19:15-19. What does this communicate about the role of the "one or two others"? (v16)
3. What do verses 18-20 speak to you about the power and the place of community in a conflict?
4. How was the king's approach to settling a debt different from the servant's approach? (v23-30)
5. How did this parable further answer Peter's question about forgiveness? (21-35)

Application | what can we apply to our life today?

1. How might God be calling you to change your approach to conflict?
2. Infinite forgiveness is forgiving multiple offenses, every time it happens, as well as forgiving a single offense multiple times, every time you remember it. Which of these is a greater struggle for you?
3. Part of the rhythm of forgiveness is receiving it. Is there unrepented sin in your own life that you need to seek forgiveness for?
4. Is there an offense you are holding onto in your heart that is planting a seed of bitterness? What is something you can do to step towards extending forgiveness and letting it go?
5. How might you join God in His mission of restoration and reconciliation this week?
6. This week how can you keep going further Up, in your relationship with God? In, in your relationship with those in the church? Or, Out, in your relationship with those outside the church?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your application

Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 3/4 – Psalm 41:7-10

Tuesday, 3/5 – Matthew 13:47-53

Wednesday, 3/6 – Matthew 18:1-9

Thursday, 3/7 – Psalm 146:7c-10

Friday, 3/8 – Psalm 51:1-3

Saturday, 3/9 – Matthew 13:54-58