### The Lord's Prayer:

# So, you want to be a bounty hunter?

Matthew 6:12

What does it mean to forgive us our debts? Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4; Matthew 6:14-15

Do we earn our salvation by forgiving others? Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 18:21-27; 1 Corinthians 13:5

What does this man learn from receiving this grace? Matthew 18:28-31

How did the king respond?

Matthew 18:32-34; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

What does this type of behavior do for the cause of Christ? Matthew 18:31, 34; Luke 6:37-38; Romans 8:1

Unforgiveness creates many problems for Christians. Mark 11:25; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 4:32; 1 Peter 2:21-24

#### Considerations for the week

Sometimes we forgive. Sometimes we don't. Discuss the emotions that usually accompany forgiveness and unforgiveness.

Since God has already forgiven us in Christ, why must we continue to ask God for forgiveness?

Jesus likened our forgiveness of others to God's forgiveness of us. Explain how this works.

How can an understanding of our personal debt to God motivate and facilitate our forgiveness of other people?

Explore whether the act of confessing our sin to God helps us forgive one another.

Consider someone you are struggling to forgive. What is holding you back from extending forgiveness? Purpose now to work through the difficulties under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.

Plan twenty minutes alone with Ephesians 4:32:

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another

Being consciously attentive to the Spirit, write down everything that comes to mind. Maybe set a timer where you can't see it. When it seems as though you've written all you can, keep at it and continue as you let your mind wander and your spirit interact with the Word.



Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

— Matthew 18:21-22, ESV

Scripture read today during worship:

<u>Psalm 32:3-5</u> Hebrews 13:15-16

### New to RTBC? Welcome!

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We're glad you came.

### Today's order of service

Prelude, This Is My Father's World

Call to worship

Hymn, House of the Lord

Confession and assurance

Hymn, His Mercy Is More

Hymn, Who You Say I Am

Offertory Reading Hymn, *Amazing Love* 

Message

Hymn of response

He Paid a Debt He Did Not Owe

Benediction

Postlude, This Is the Day

### **CCSC** volunteers needed

July 27 and August 2-3 Help assemble and distribute school supplies for children Contact office for details.

## **Weekly Events**

Today after benediction, Cookies & Coffee, in parlor

Young adults fellowship, Monday at 6:45 pm. Dinner and discussion for those in college or starting careers

Weekly summer day-camp for the kids Reservations required

#### Wednesday

Dinner served 5:30-6:30 pm. Menu: Shawarma (pork or chicken), pita bread, Greek salad, corn, dessert Prayer, 6:30 pm in the prayer room Ladies' international Bible class (Zoom), 6:45 pm Sermon discussion on Zoom, 7 pm Choir rehearsal, 7:45 pm

Young internationals Bible study, Saturday at 7 pm

Sunday morning
Adult Bible study, 9:30 am
Worship, 10:45 am
Children's Church at sermon time

#### Will resume in the fall:

Mom's Day Out, Tuesday and Friday, 9am – 2pm Women's Bible study, Tues. morn or Thurs. evening BLAST! Children's Bible study and fun, Wednesday Kids' Music Class, Wednesday Joy Program, Thursday morning, conversational English classes, Bible study, crafts, and handbells Men's Bible study, Thursday evening

### The church office has information on events.

Phone: 713.559.6875 Email: office@rtbchurch.org The office is open Tuesday - Friday, 9am-4pm

## **Lottie Moon Christmas-in-July Tea**

Saturday, July 20, at 10 am in Fellowship Hall





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