Prayer and Forgiveness Mark 11:25 January 2, 2022

1. Forgive when you pray

2. Forgive anything you have against anyone

3. Forgive as a necessary reflection of your Heavenly Father's forgiveness

Next week: Mark 11:27-33

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

- 1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
- 2. What is forgiveness?
- 3. How is Christ an example of forgiveness?
- 4. How can a person receive God's forgiveness?
- 5. Who must we forgive? Base your answer on Scripture.

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

- 1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
- 2. Why at times doesn't God listen to the prayers of His children?
- 3. How does the world's forgiveness tend to differ from biblical forgiveness?
- 4. In what sense are we to forgive a person who has wronged us but has not shown any repentance and has not offered any apology?
- 5. What does this passage teach about the seriousness of unforgiveness?
- 6. When you forgive people, does it tend to be true, biblical forgiveness? Explain.
- 7. Can you sincerely say to God, "Forgive me my debts, as I also have forgiven my debtors" (Matt 6:12; cf. Luke 11:4)? Explain.
- 8. Is there anyone you have been refusing to forgive? If so, how can you overcome this and forgive them? Do you need to communicate your forgiveness to them?
- 9. What is the primary way you should be affected by this passage this week?