



**1. Reconsider** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.57, 58b-59)

**Luke 12:57** “And why do you not judge for yourselves what is right? **58** As you go with your accuser before the magistrate, make an effort to settle with him on the way, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge hand you over to the officer, and the officer put you in prison. **59** I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the very last penny.” (ESV)

**2. Plead** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.58a)

**3. Be** \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.57-58)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Isaiah 64:6** and **Romans 3:9-12**. Why do you think it is so difficult for most people to accept these absolute statements regarding sin and our fallen condition before God?
2. Read **Job 1:1** and **1 Timothy 3:8-10**. Why is it important to understand (and even at times employ) a relative definition of sin and righteousness?
3. Read **Romans 3:23-26**. Describe this incredibly important passage in your own words. Why is it necessary to explain these truths to non-Christians who are beginning to consider God's justice and his saving grace?
4. Read **Matthew 18:21-35**. How are you doing at sincerely forgiving others? Why do you think Jesus spoke in such strong terms about one's refusal to forgive?
5. Read **Colossians 3:12-13**. What specific things can you do to make progress in better demonstrating and expressing these core Christian virtues in your relationships?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

### **March 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 1-2 & Mk. 11:1-19*

### **March 7<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 3-4 & Mk. 11:20-33*

### **March 8<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 5-7 & Mk. 12:1-27*

### **March 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 8-10 & Mk. 12:28-44*

### **March 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 11-13 & Mk. 13:1-13*

### **March 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 14-16 & Mk. 13:14-37*

### **March 12<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 17-19 & Mk. 14:1-25*

### **March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Deut. 20-22 & Mk. 14:26-50*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

- Msg. 09-05 – **The Word's Clarity About Our Sin**
- Msg. 08-13 – **Getting Honest About Myself**
- Msg. 10-23 – **Perspectives on Fairness, Justice, and Grace**
- Msg. 09-09 – **Reading Scripture in Light of Redemption**
- Msg. 11-08 – **Learning Counterintuitive Responses**
- Msg. 12-20 – **When Nothing Seems Fair**
- Msg. 09-20 – **Celebrating Unearned Forgiveness**

## *This Week's Social Media Hashtag*

**#FEARandfears**

*For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.*

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

- Adams, Jay. **From Forgiven to Forgiving**. Calvary Press, 1997.
- Boice, James Montgomery. **Whatever Happened to the Gospel of Grace?** Crossway Books, 2001.
- Bunyan, John. **Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1986.
- Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
- Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **Assurance of Our Salvation: Studies in John 17**. Crossway Books, 2000.
- MacArthur, John. **The Freedom and Power of Forgiveness**. Crossway Books, 1998.
- Pink, A. W. **Our Accountability to God**. Moody Publishers, 1999.
- Piper, John. **Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Command in the Synoptic Gospels**. Baker Books, 1992.
- Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.
- Pritchard, Ray. **The Healing Power of Forgiveness**. Harvest House, 2005.
- Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.
- Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.
- Sproul, R. C. **Faith Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification**. Baker Books, 1995.
- Spurgeon, C. H. **All of Grace**. Whitaker House, 1985.
- Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.