

Teach Us to Pray

Reflection Questions | Matthew 6:12

12 and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

1. Have you ever had a debt you had to pay off? What did/does it feel like to be in debt?
2. Have you ever had a debt forgiven or paid off? What did it feel like to no longer have the debt?
3. What about the “debts” in the verse above? What makes it hard to understand you have “debts”?
4. As Jesus is teaching his followers to pray he includes this reminder, “and forgive us our debts.” It goes hand in hand with “give us this day our daily bread.” It is foundational. How is this even more necessary to our survival than earthly bread?

5. What could be important about coming to him regularly to ask for his forgiveness?

6. What does it make you feel to remember you are forgiven and free? Over and over again?

7. This forgiveness - our debts being paid - seems to come with responsibility, "as we also have forgiven our debtors." Is it possible that this continual cycle of walking out of the court room free should result in us showing grace and forgiveness to others? What could this look like in your life?

8. Where is this hardest for you? What keeps you holding on to someone else's offense?

9. Have you accepted that your forgiveness is somehow connected to how you forgive others?

10. Have you accepted His forgiveness of you today?