

Questions for study and reflection: Reformation 500 2: **Grace Alone**

Warming up

Think back to your childhood. What's the earliest present you can remember receiving?

Have you ever received a totally inappropriate gift? (The answer might be funny... or just strange!)

Was most struck you about the Sermon from Sunday?

Reading the Bible

Turn to Matthew 18:21-35

What is the connection between Peter's question and Jesus' parable?

What kind of King does the parable portray God as?

Which character in the parable do you identify with?

Does this parable portray God's forgiveness for us as being conditional on us forgiving others?

Going Deeper

Why do you think it is that stories of forgiveness and grace make such an impact in our world?

If God asked you 'why should I let you into heaven?' what would you say?

Applying to our Lives

'You are more sinful than you can imagine, but more loved than you ever dreamed'. How do you respond to this?

What are some of the ways in which we try to avoid God's grace?

'A community of the forgiven must be a forgiving community'. (R.T. France). How can we as a church cultivate a deeper culture of forgiveness, grace and love?

