

Why You Must Forgive

My Relationships Are Falling Apart, Matthew 18:21-35

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Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but select 5 or 6 questions you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and one thing about yourself that the people in this group may not know about you.

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes) – Have someone recap the message in about a minute or two and then ask the following questions:

2. Look at your notes from Sunday's message. What did you find helpful? What tensions or questions did it raise for you?
3. What is a story of forgiveness from a movie, book, historical figure, or your own life, that has had an impact on you?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes) – ask everyone to follow along in their Bible or Bible app. You might consider looking up these passages online and sharing your screen to review them together.

4. Read Matthew 18:21-35.
 - What stands out to you from this passage?
 - What does Jesus' answer in verse 22 teach us about forgiveness?
 - Which character in Jesus' story do you most relate to? Why?
 - What does this passage warn us about unforgiveness?
 - How can Jesus's words in these verses help us overcome our struggle to forgive?
5. Read Psalm 130:3-4.
 - What hope does these verses give us for our broken relationships?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) –

6. What or who are your struggling to forgive?
7. Where do you need to seek forgiveness?

GROWTH GOALS: ([Print Growth Goal Forms or share the link online](#)) – this may be great to discuss in prayer time.

8. What is a next step in your faith you want to take this year?