

STUDY GUIDE

Matthew 18:21-35

“Forgiving Each Other”

- 1) **Why are we so inclined to get even – or seek revenge – when others hurt us or sin against us?**

What does the message of Bible tell us about that?
- 2) **What is the significance of Peter offering to forgive seven times in v21?**

How do we have that same heart attitude at times?
- 3) **What is the point of Jesus’ response to forgive seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven) in v22?**
- 4) **Since “ten thousand talents” in v24 is given as an example of exaggerated language, what does this show us about our sin-debt against God?**
- 5) **What does the servant’s plea in v26 show about his heart?**

Why do people sometimes find themselves with the same heart attitude when it comes to our sin against God?
- 6) **What does a refusal to forgive reveal?**

What strikes you about the warning given in the last few verses of this passage?
- 7) **Does a memorable time come to mind when you have been on the receiving end of being forgiven by a brother or sister?**
- 8) **Why should we forgive others? Is that easy or hard to do? Why?**
- 9) **How does this teaching from Jesus make you cherish God’s mercy and grace in the work of Jesus Christ?**

*And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?
- Matthew 18:33*