



SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 18:21–35

Read Matthew 18:21–27 and discuss 1–2 of these questions:

- Why does Jesus say to forgive “seventy-seven times” (v. 21)?
- How would it feel to be forgiven such a large debt?
- What is the most significant debt that we are facing?

Read Matthew 18:28–31 and discuss 1–2 of these questions:

- In what ways are we like the wicked servant?
- Why do you think this story includes the other servants?
- What do you think the other servants thought about the master and the ungrateful servant?

Read Matthew 18:32–35 and discuss 1–2 of these questions:

- Why does forgiveness matter so much to God?
- How does it feel to forgive others?



CONNECTION

- How can Douglass’s story inspire us to forgive others?

MARK OF A DISCIPLE

Disciples of Christ offer forgiveness and mercy to others (Ephesians 4:32).

APPLY IT

Take some time this week to pray and journal about forgiveness. First, ask God to forgive you, then ask for him to reveal any people you need to forgive. Finally, meet with a trusted friend or leader regarding how best to extend forgiveness.

Be specific:

- What are you going to do?
- When are you going to do it?
- Is there someone who can keep you accountable?

PRAYER

Take time to pray for each other’s applications in the upcoming weeks.

MEMORY VERSE

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4:32 (ESV)

