

Main Idea: People who experience God's forgiveness are able to offer forgiveness to others

Connecting

What movies, books, or personal stories can you think of that illustrate forgiveness?

Has anyone ever paid off a debt for you (school, car, mortgage...)?

Understanding

Read Matthew 18:21-27. What conclusions about forgiveness can you draw from these verses?

Read Matthew 18:28-35. What do you think are some of the results of a lack of forgiveness?

Considering Matthew 18: 21-35, what do you learn about God and his forgiveness?

Living

Was there any part of the message that challenged or confused you?

How has God's forgiveness in your life changed the way you live and treat others?

Have you ever extended forgiveness to someone? What effect did that have on you and your relationship with that person?

Is there someone you find difficult to forgive? How does that affect your relationship with that person?

Forgiveness is a process that begins with a decision. Would you commit to taking some time this week to contemplate a decision that would start *your* process of forgiveness?

Next Week: 2 Cor 5:14-21