



# Life Group Questions

## Matthew 6:12–15 <sup>(NIV)</sup>

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people

when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

1. Discuss what you observe in this passage featuring the subject of forgiveness?
  - That vs. 12 & 13 are part of prayer. How does this alter how we pray regarding forgiveness?
  - How is forgiveness related to temptation (if at all)?
2. Thinking about unforgiveness as being a state of resentment, bitterness and hatred of another being harmful to us emotionally, physically and spiritually.
  - Is this overstating the destructiveness of forgiveness?
  - From your experience what has been the worst harm to you from unforgiveness?
  - The saying that "Not forgiving is like drinking poison and expecting the other person to die" – Share a time in your life when this sentiment was you thinking.
3. What in the sermon on Sunday helped you realize (maybe again) how important forgiveness is?
4. It was said on Sunday that forgiving someone who has offended you is one of the hardest things to do
  - What is it about forgiveness that makes it so hard to do?
  - What would you say to someone who said (rightly or wrongly) that forgiveness is easy to do as it is a decision of the will?
5. Sometimes we don't realize the importance of forgiveness because we don't comprehend the significance of our own sin being forgiven by God.
  - How do we raise the importance of forgiveness in our thinking?

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6. Forgiveness is not reconciliation or pretending offence never occurred?

- How could thinking reconciliation and forgiveness are the same thing hinder us from forgiving another?
- How could pretending no harm occurred be a substitute for forgiveness?

7. Forgiveness is a choice YOU need to make.

If we acknowledge unforgiveness is an issue how can we take the next step of choosing to forgive?

If we think other things need to occur before forgiveness takes place, how can that hinder us from forgiving.

8. In Matthew 6:14-15, Jesus seems to suggest God's forgiveness of our sin is conditional upon our forgiveness of others sin.

- How can this be? What is Jesus saying here?
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