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LIFE
Study guide

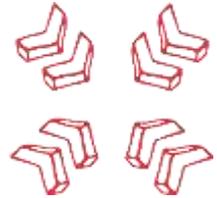


Matthew 18:21-35
For Individuals and Life Groups
June 14, 2015

Introduction:

Throughout the Bible there are encouraging, intriguing, and challenging questions that are asked. In this wide-ranging teaching series we will explore seven questions that still make an impact today.

Jesus ministered during a time when there were many rules surrounding forgiveness. Peter in asking his question of Jesus thinks that he is being generous with his forgiveness. Jesus takes his question and turns it on its head.



Into the scriptures

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

Look at the larger context of Matthew 18. Who is Jesus speaking to? What issues are being addressed by him?

What do you notice about God's forgiveness in the following passages? (Isaiah 1:18, Daniel 9:9, Psalm 103:12, Micah 17:18-19, 1 John 1:9, Acts 3:19, 2 Corinthians 5:21)



Into my life



What makes it hard for you to forgive someone when they have sinned against you?

Why does God call us to exercise mercy and forgiveness? How does mercy and forgiveness affect a person's sin and his or her repentance? How would it affect you?

How does it make you feel when someone who is clearly in the wrong refuses to acknowledge his or her sin or admit responsibility? When have you done this to someone else, and how do you think they felt?

What is the promise to claim hold of in this passage?

How will you be different this week because of what you have just read?



Into the world



How would our personal and church lives look different if we chose to come alongside of people with comfort and help rather than judgment and estrangement? What can you or your group do to see this realized? (Pray for each other in this)



Prayer List



Challenge for the week:

From Matthew my challenge for this week is:



More Resources for personal and group use:



A little about Westwood Church...



We believe that God changes lives!

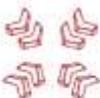
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Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



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Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world