

## ****THE TITLE:** Community Is Built On** Forgiveness****THE PASSAGE:****Matthew 18:1-35****THE POINT:****Forgiveness Strengthens Our Relationships.

**THE FOCUS: Matthew 5:43-45**

**Gospel Culture:**

Inspiring communities where the gospel saturates our experience, and doubters become believers who become declarers of the gospel.

1. **Forgiveness Is Required**

**Matthew 18:21-22**

**21**Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” **22**Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

1. **Receive Forgiveness**

**Matthew 18:23-27**

**23**“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. **24**When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. **25**And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. **26**So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ **27**And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

**3. Give Forgiveness**

**Matthew 18:28-35**

**28**But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ **29**So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ **30**He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. **31**When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. **32**Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33**And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ **34**And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.**35**So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**Family Questions:**

1. Consider your relationships, where are there areas of unforgiveness?
2. Extend forgiveness in a relationship where you have been wronged, even if you did nothing wrong.
3. Identify a relationship where you need to be forgiven, with humility go and repent.