



## Week #5 Notes

### Main Idea: Participate in FORGIVENESS

**Participating in FORGIVENESS is acknowledging the pain and releasing it to JESUS!**

**Participating in FORGIVENESS is asking for forgiveness!**

**Participating in FORGIVENESS is forgiving others debts because yours has already been forgiven!**

#### **Matthew 6:5-13 New Living Translation (NLT)**

**5** “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. **6** But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

**7** “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. **8** Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! **9** Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

**10** May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

**11** Give us [today](#) the food we need,

**12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.**

**13** And don’t let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.

#### **Matthew [6:12](#)**

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#### **Luke [23:34](#) NIV**

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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#### **Matthew [18:21-22](#) NIV**

**21** Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?” **22** Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.



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### **Matthew 18:23-35 NIV**

**23** “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. **24** As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. **25** Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

**26** “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ **27** The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

**28** “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

**29** “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

**30** “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. **31** When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

**32** “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. **33** Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ **34** In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

**35** “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

### **Talk about it:**

Ice Breaker: What’s the hardest thing you’ve ever had to do?

### **Read and Discuss Matthew 6:7-14**

As you read these verses what stands out to you?

### **Read Luke 23:23-34**

- Why is it significant that Christ’s first words from the Cross-were about forgiveness?
- How does this display the pain associated with granting forgiveness?
- How did Jesus acknowledge that the people crucifying him were doing wrong?

### **Read Matthew 18: 21-22**

- Why do you think Peter is asking for a number of times he had to forgive?
- Why is it so difficult to keep participating in forgiveness?
- Why do you think Jesus said 70x7 (which was a number that would have been incomprehensible number to them, Jesus might as well said an unlimited amount of times).
- What does this say about our own need for Grace?
- Is there anyone you need to ask for forgiveness? If so DO IT! Ask your lifegroup to hold you accountable to it!



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### Read Matthew 18:23 -35

- What does this parable speak to you?
- How do you feel about the merciful king's response to the unmerciful servant?
- What's the correlation between the unmerciful servant and us?
- Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? If yes and you feel comfortable sharing, who it is and make this statement out loud to your group.
- (Insert their name here) hurt me but [today](#) I am choosing to walk in forgiveness toward them.

**Spend some time praying for the strength to be forgivers as a group!**