



Life Group Discussion Guide  
**One Another's  
Forgive Others**  
Matthew 18:21-35  
Pastor Douglas Slachter

Main Thought: Forgiveness Brings Freedom

Sunday Outline:

- We **FORGIVE** because we are **FORGIVEN**.
- Forgiveness requires **LOVE**.
- Forgiveness brings **FREEDOM**.

Welcome & Fellowship Time (*Suggested Time 10 Minutes*)

Open in Prayer

Week in Review: (*Suggested Sharing Time 10 minutes*)

- How did you show love to others this last week?

Discussion Starter: (*Suggested Time 5 minutes*)

- What is the greatest act of forgiveness you have seen one person offer another?

Sermon Review: (*Suggested Time 15 minutes*)

Read Matthew 18:21-35 and answer the following questions:

- What prompted this parable about forgiveness
- What was the difference in the level of debt between what the servant owed and what was owed to the servant?
- What did Jesus say would happen to any person who was unwilling to forgive from the heart?
- How does this impact the importance you place on forgiving as God forgives?

Digging Deeper: (*Suggested Time 20 minutes*)

Read James 2:8-13 and discuss the following questions:

- What is the "royal law" and how does it differ from the Jewish law in the Old Testament?



- How does verse 10 counter the idea that one person might deserve forgiveness more than another?
- How does mercy triumph over judgement?

Read Colossians 3:12-14 and discuss the following questions:

- What qualifies a person to be a part of “God’s chosen people?”
- How does being one of God’s chosen people inform how we are to forgive?
- What is the importance of love when it comes to forgiving someone?

Application: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

- Have you been forgiven by God of the sin debt you owe? Don’t delay, God has already paid the price.
- Who else do you need to ask for forgiveness from? Who do you need to forgive?
- Plan how you will forgive or seek forgiveness this week, and encourage each other in these actions.

Group Prayer Requests: *(Suggested Time 10 minutes)*

Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. *(Suggested time 10 minutes)*