

Jesus Stories
This week's reading: Matthew 18:21-35
Discussion Guide: February 2, 2025

CHECK UP:

Memory Work: I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Luke 15:10

How did you align your heart with God's this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Matthew 18:21-35; 6:14-15; Luke 6:37; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13

- What stands out most to you from this passage?
- What do you think was motivated Peter's question?
- How likely do you think people are to forgive people more than three times? Why?
- Why is an unforgiving spirit so dangerous?
- How has God shown extreme mercy to us?
 - o If God is so willing to forgive us, why are we sometimes unwilling to forgive others?
- Why is it hard to forgive others?
 - o How can remembering God's grace greatly motivate us to forgive others?

APPLY:

- What should we do if we don't feel like forgiving others?
- Have you had situations where you have struggled to forgive someone?
 - o Do you currently have someone you need to "release from their debts"?
- NEXT STEP: How can you show mercy to someone who has wronged you this week?

Memory Work:

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Ephesians 4:32

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 10:25-37