

Forgive How Many Times?

Matthew 18:21-35

I. Good Question to Ask V. 21

Has someone ever hurt you? Yes or No

How many times will you forgive a person? _____

Jewish law said _____ times you should forgive someone.

Peter thought he was very spiritual to say _____ times.

II. Jesus say What! Or What you talkin' bout Jesus!

Jesus tells him 70x7. Was he being literal or figurative?

III. Jesus' clarification on seventy time seven.

Parable is an _____ story with a _____ meaning

The servant owed the king _____ of dollars

The servant's fellow servant owed him a few _____ dollars.

Who was more grateful of the debt being erased? The one with the _____ debt.

IV. How does a person hurt us?

1. _____ to us
2. _____ to us
3. _____ us
4. _____ us
5. _____ us or someone we love
6. _____ us
7. _____ us/broken the relationship

A Christian will find it cheaper to pardon than to resent. Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, and the waste of spirit.

--Hannah More

V. How do you know when you have forgiven someone?

1. There is no bitterness or trash talking about the person.
2. You can speak positive things and pray positive things about them.
3. When meeting the person there is no hesitancy or tension

To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover the prisoner was you.—Unknown

VI. Life Applications

1. Just because we are supposed to forgive it does not give one the _____ or _____ to sin wishfully and willfully. _____ still has its consequences.
2. It is _____ to truly forgive until you have asked forgiveness yourself.
3. We _____ forgive if we want to be forgiven.
4. The _____ to a great life and great relationships is forgiveness.

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love. Bryant H. McGill