

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

1. What answer do you think Peter was expecting when he asked Jesus if he should forgive his brother up to seven times?
2. Peter's question shows that he had already learned some things about forgiveness. What does his question imply that he already knew?
3. How many times did Jesus say we should forgive? What do you think His answer means?
4. Explain in your own words what it means to forgive.

### **DAY TWO: Read Matthew 18:23-34**

5. How would you describe the king or master in Jesus' story?
6. Compare and contrast the personal characteristics of the king with the unforgiving servant.
7. Use any resources you have to try to accurately compute how much 10,000 talents would be in today's money. Do the same for 100 denarii.
8. What surprises you most with the initial interaction between the king and his servant? v.25-27
9. What does it mean to take pity on someone? Give an example of someone on whom you might take pity.

### **DAY THREE: Read Matthew 18:28-31**

10. Imagine and describe what you would do to celebrate if all your debts were cancelled.

## Lesson 7

11. Give some reasons why the first servant might treat his fellow servant the way he did.
12. Give some reasons why a Christian today would not be generous with forgiveness.
13. What would you put on a list of the most difficult things for you personally to forgive?
14. Why do you think the other servants told the master everything that happened?

### **DAY FOUR and DAY FIVE: Read Matthew 18:32-35**

15. What is the reason the master gives for turning the 'wicked' servant over to the jailers?
16. What effects does not practicing forgiveness have on our lives?
17. How do you explain Jesus' words in verse 35: "this is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart"?
18. Do you think that God's forgiveness is conditional or unconditional? Support your answer.
19. What was Jesus' purpose in telling Peter this story?
20. Share with your group some practical ways you have found helpful in being able to forgive those who have hurt or wronged you.