

STUDY QUESTIONS

Monday

1. Read Matthew 18:15. If someone were to approach you to tell you “your fault” what do you think your initial response would be? Explain.
2. Read Matthew 18:7–9. Based on Jesus’ instructions in these verses what should your response be when your brother or sister tells you of your fault?
3. What are some reasons that a person might refuse to listen when confronted with a sin or offense? Ask those closest to you if they see any of these attitudes or character traits evidenced in your life now.
4. What can you do now to insure that you respond properly if and when your brother or sister comes to tell you your fault?

Tuesday

1. How comfortable are you approaching a fellow believer concerning their sin? Why?
2. Read James 5:19–20. How do James’ instructions affect the way you view your responsibility to address the sin?
3. Some claim that it is unloving to confront a person with their sin or fault. It has been said that an unwillingness to confront a brother or sister in sin is not evidence of a love for our brother, but rather it is evidence of how much we love ourselves because we care more about being liked than helping our brother. Do you see this tendency in your own life? How can we overcome this?
4. Jesus’ instructions in Matthew 5:15–18 are very clear that we must keep the circle of participants small. Why is this so important?
5. Consider the shepherd’s heart in Matthew 18:10–14. What should be our heart when pursuing the one in sin?
6. Read Matthew 7:1–5 and Galatians 6:1–5. What should we do before confronting our brother or sister concerning their sin? Why is this important?

Wednesday – Read and Meditate on Matthew 18:21–35

Thursday

1. Who was Peter likely having the disagreement with when he was asking about how many times he should forgive? (consider the beginning of ch 18)
2. There are two specific debtors in this parable – note and contrast their responses when confronted with debt.
3. What was the first action of the forgiven servant when he encountered a fellow servant who owed him?
4. Who was the first to react to the first servant’s lack of mercy and forgiveness?

Friday

1. Do you believe the forgiven servant had the legal rights to demand he be paid by the one who owed him? Why or why not?
2. What does the King’s response reveal about the heart of the unforgiving servant?
3. Do you notice any differences or clarifications about God’s command to forgive from Luke 17? If so, what are they?

Saturday

1. How should the heart of a sinner who has had his/her sin–debt cancelled by the King respond to the King? to his fellow citizen of the kingdom?
2. The word “Jailers” in vs 34 can be translated literally “torturers.” What does this teach us about the King’s view of those who accept his forgiveness without a willingness to forgive others?
3. From Col 3: What is to be the motivation and cause behind our heart of forgiveness?

DAILY BIBLE READING

Monday	Matt 18
Tuesday	Matt 18; James 5
Wednesday	Matt 18:21-35
Thursday	Matt 18
Friday	Matt 18; Luke 17:1-4
Saturday	Matt 18; Col 3
Sunday	Matt 18:21-35 (text for Nov 27)