

Study Guide on Matthew 18:21-35

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

(Matthew 18:21) Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

(Matthew 18:22) Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

(Matthew 18:23) “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

(Matthew 18:24) When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him;

(Matthew 18:25) and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.

(Matthew 18:26) So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

(Matthew 18:27) And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

(Matthew 18:28) But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

(Matthew 18:29) Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

(Matthew 18:30) But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

(Matthew 18:31) When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

(Matthew 18:32) Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

(Matthew 18:33) Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

(Matthew 18:34) And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

(Matthew 18:35) So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?