

# Sermon Notes – Feb 4, 2018

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**Sermon Title:** Forgive In Order To Be Forgiven

Matthew 6:14-15

**1. Luke 17 - Forgiveness requires \_\_\_\_\_ .**

Show your \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**2. II Corinthians 2 – Unforgiving is a \_\_\_\_\_**

Don't let an \_\_\_\_\_ stand between you and \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture References:

Colossians 3:12-13; Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 11:25-26; Luke 6:37-38

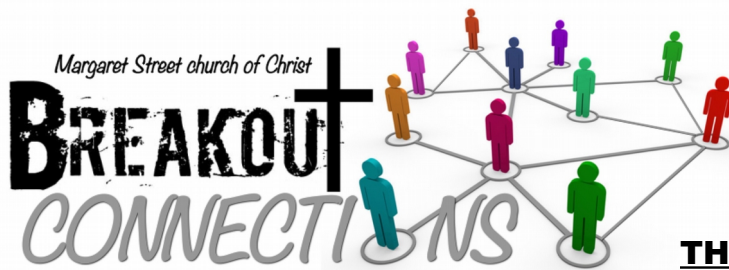
**3. Matthew 18 – Forgiveness is not a \_\_\_\_\_ .**

To beg \_\_\_\_\_ for ourselves and \_\_\_\_\_ for others is a

\_\_\_\_\_ God will not overlook.

Point of the Passage: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Additional Notes:**



*Breaking out into small groups,  
Making connections,  
Building relationships.*

**THOUGHT / DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Did anything from today's lesson impact you, or challenge you? Do you agree, or disagree with the points or statements from the lesson?
2. How is learning to forgive connected to spiritual maturity?
3. What is the real issue of unforgiveness?
4. How are the words "forgiveness," "reconciliation," "propitiation," and "redemption" all related to each other?
5. If someone sins against you, then repents, and you forgive them, do you automatically forget what has happened? Does the pain just go away? What does the Bible say in Hebrews 8:12? How do we reconcile this passage in our lives?
6. It is not easy to develop a forgiving spirit. How does one learn to forgive? Here are some suggestions. Discuss these steps among the group.
  - a. Begin by assuring yourself that compared to Christ's suffering you haven't been seriously wronged at all.
  - b. Recall the many kind deeds that have been shown to you, perhaps even by the person who has harmed you.
  - c. List the benefits you have received from the Lord.
  - d. Thank Him for blessing you with His love and forgiveness each day.
  - e. Make an honest effort to pray for the one who has injured you.
  - f. Go even further by looking for an opportunity to help him.
  - g. If the offense is especially hard to forget, try to erase the memory by thinking gracious and generous thoughts.
  - h. Finally, before you fall asleep at night, repeat slowly and thoughtfully that phrase from the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."
7. Review your Prayer & Contact List. Are there members of your group you need to check on? Are there other members who need a visit? Are there visitors to contact? Have you prayed for those on your list?