

CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 5: Impossible to Possible
Episode 7: Forgiveness
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2026 - Summer trimester: 6/1–7/27 **Fall trimester:** 8/17–12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Neighborhood Nights: This fall, Neighborhood Nights are coming to every Eleven22 campus—an unforgettable in-person experience with Pastor Joby in your neighborhood. Join us for a powerful evening of worship, storytelling, vision and fellowship as we lean into what God is calling us to in this next season. [Learn More.](#)

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Men's Bible Study, June 3–August 5, 6:00am–7:00am: Join us on Wednesday mornings as we go deeper into the Matthew series through an early-morning Bible study led by Pastor Joby and our teaching team. Campus locations: Fleming Island, Jesup, North Jax, Palatka, San Pablo, St. Augustine, St. Johns.

THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: *Last week's action step: When challenges, disappointment, frustration, or anxiety surface this week, ask yourself, "Is Jesus still enough if this situation never changes?" Then thank Him for one specific evidence of His faithfulness in your life and share that testimony with someone in your group. How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?*

Sermon Text: *Psalm 51:4; Matthew 5:23-24, 6:14, 12:31, 18:7-35; Luke 23:34; Acts 10:43; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 2:13-14, 3:13; Hebrews 8:12; 1 John 1:8-9*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper.

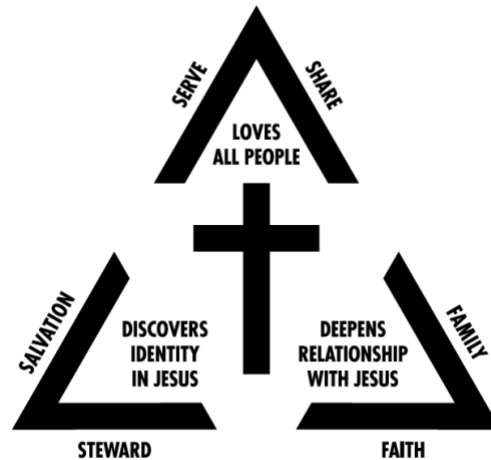
- **Read Matthew 18:7-35. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 18:21-22. Discuss how the world, you, and the Bible define forgiveness. *(The world operates one way: grudges, payback, cancel culture. Biblical forgiveness is not pretending it didn't happen, excusing sin, avoiding consequences, or simply letting it go. It recognizes the debt was real but trusts Jesus as the ultimate payment. If sin is a debt we owe, then forgiveness is that debt fully paid.)*
Deepen: Where have you struggled with misunderstanding what forgiveness means?
- **What is sin?** *(Law-breaking. Trespassing - going too far. Debt we can never repay. It's treason, rebellion, war, idolatry, self-righteousness. Death, slavery and bondage. The wages of sin is death. Forgiveness is applying Christ's death on the cross as the full payment for sin's debt so that the sinner no longer owes anything to the one sinned against.)*
- **How and why can you forgive someone who doesn't confess/repent to you, or doesn't think they did anything wrong?** *(Read Luke 23:34. Remember how much God has forgiven you. Apply full payment of Jesus' death to sin debt they owe you. Forgiveness doesn't require reconciliation or restoration. We forgive based on being forgiven by God, not the other person's deserving of being forgiven. Forgiving people frees you from bitterness, anger and the burden of being wronged, and Jesus will bring you peace. See Galatians 5:1.)*
- **Read Matthew 6:14 and 18:32-35. If you don't forgive others, will God forgive you?** *(You don't earn forgiveness; it's earned by Jesus and received through faith. Being forgiving is a reflection and overflow of being forgiven. Forgiven people forgive people. Read Colossians 3:13.)*
- **"Forgive and forget" isn't in the Bible. When you hear someone say this, how can you explain what the Bible DOES say and share the Gospel of Jesus with them?** *(Read Hebrews 8:12.)*
- **Discover:** If you have difficulty forgiving others, or yourself, what can you do? *(Pray and look honestly at your sin against God and what God gave to forgive you: his Son, Jesus. No one has sinned too much for Jesus to forgive. If you have been given and received forgiveness, why would you withhold that from anyone?)*
Deepen: What scriptures do you turn to that help you forgive and pray for those people you are called to forgive, especially when it is hard? *(Do a Bible search if you don't have any.)*
- **Share a time when you had a hard time forgiving someone, but God worked in you and through that situation when you chose to forgive that person.**
- **Why does the king forgive the servant?** *(God forgives based on His compassionate, patient, loving and merciful character and nature, not on our worthiness, effort, or works. That's grace and the only place you will find grace is Jesus.)*

Action Step: 1. Schedule time this week to read Colossians 2:13–14, pray and write down what Jesus has forgiven you of. Before focusing on what others owe you, thank Jesus for the debt He paid for you. 2. Identify one person you need to forgive. Pray honestly about the hurt, name the debt, and ask Jesus to help you apply His payment on the cross to what they owe you.

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