

**Stories and Signs: "The Unmerciful Servant"**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**

I. Forgiveness is a way of life in God's Kingdom. (Matt. 18:21-22)

2 Corinthians 5:19

Matthew 5:23-24

II. Forgiveness is a response of being forgiven. (Matt. 18:23-35)

1. We have been forgiven an overwhelming debt.
2. Forgiveness fuels forgiving.
3. Forgiveness doesn't overlook sin.

Matthew 18:15

4. Failure to forgive has an eternal cost.

**Faith Sheet for Friends and Family this Week**

1. How would you define forgiveness?
2. What makes forgiveness difficult to give to some?
3. What effect has God's compassion and forgiveness through Jesus Christ had upon you?
4. What are some ways, even subtle ones, that we can punish others instead of forgive them for wrongs they have done against us?
5. How can we resist the desire for vengeance and instead practice mercy as it has been shown to us in Christ?