

FORGIVENESS IN THE CHURCH
(Matthew 18:21-35)

- I. Recognizing the _____ of Forgiveness (Matt. 18:1-20)
 - A. Believers are described as “_____” (18:3-6)
 - B. Believers are commanded to _____ one who _____
 - 1. _____ the _____ (18:15)
 - 2. _____ the _____ (18:17)
- II. Establishing the _____ of Forgiveness (Matt. 18:21-22)
 - A. Peter asks how _____ to forgive the _____
 - 1. Assumes there must be an _____
 - 2. _____ suggests it be _____ times
 - B. Jesus says “up to _____” (cf. Luke 17:3-4)
 - 1. Implies you should not _____
 - 2. Still acknowledges the _____ of the _____
- III. Illustrating the _____ of Forgiveness (Matt. 18:23-35)
 - A. The setting of the parable is the _____
 - 1. Not how a person is _____
 - 2. But how the Kingdom _____

- B. The king holds his subjects _____
1. One _____ him a _____ amount he could _____
repay
 - a. He, his family and property were to be _____
 - b. He begged for _____
 2. In _____, the king _____ the debt
 3. He immediately went to _____ a _____ owed to him
 - a. _____ him while _____ payment
 - b. The debtor begged for _____
 4. With _____, he _____ the debtor
 5. In grief, his fellow subjects _____ his actions
 6. In _____, the king imposed a _____
for the _____ of being _____

IV. Summarizing the _____ of Forgiveness

- A. The _____ needs to be _____ (18:15-17)
1. May require escalating _____
 2. Some form of _____ may be appropriate
- B. The sinner must _____ and _____
- C. The penitent offender _____ be _____ and

- D. God's _____ toward each of us _____
any mercy we might show _____