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STUDENT STUDY GUIDE - WEEK 8

MATTHEW 18:21-25

Follow along with today's sermon! Use this as an outline for notes, and take time to reflect on the passage throughout the week.

Jesus teaches that our identity as citizens of God's kingdom should transform how we respond to mistreatment. **Matthew 18:21-22 - "Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'"**

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: How does your faith shape the way you handle being wronged?

Reflect: What makes forgiving repeatedly so difficult?

The Poison of Unforgiveness

1. Re-living _____
2. _____ assassination
3. Re-victimization
4. _____
5. Awkward _____

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Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: How has unforgiveness affected your relationships or peace of mind?

Reflect: What are some of your own "planks" that you might overlook? _____

The Path to Forgiveness

True forgiveness begins by recognizing our own debt to God and His immense grace. Spending time with Jesus and reflecting on the gospel helps us grasp the gravity of our forgiveness. **Colossians 3:13 - "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."**

Additional Notes: _____

Reflect: How can meditating on Jesus' forgiveness inspire you to forgive others?
