



**Things Jesus Never Said**  
**“You Don’t Need to Forgive Them.”**  
**(Matthew 18:21-35 NIV)**

Imagine with me for a minute if you got an email saying that you had an appointment scheduled for you with Jesus. One hour, in person, just the two of you. What do you think He would say to you? Many people think Jesus would talk about how disappointed He is with them, but is this really something Jesus would say?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. [ICEBREAKER] What activity or activities do you usually do during rainy days?
2. Do you imagine some people have a limit to how many times they will forgive someone else? Why do you think that might be and how might they overcome it?
3. Do you think the severity of a particular trespass would impact how forgiving someone might be towards the trespasser? Is there anything you personally might have a difficult time forgiving?
4. Do you believe someone can be an example to others in how to forgive? Do you know anyone in your life who seems to have no limits in forgiving others?
5. Do you pray, or have you considered praying, for those who hurt you? Do you think doing so might help someone forgive another? Why might that be?

NEXT STEPS: This week consider taking time to think about your next steps in this area.

- a. Who are you withholding forgiveness from? Is there anyone you need to forgive this week?
- b. Do you need to forgive yourself for anything? Remember you are loved and never alone.

**MOVING FORWARD**

To be forgiven, we must learn to forgive.

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*“Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?”*  
—Matthew 18:33 (NIV)