

FOUNDATIONS OF **CHARACTER**



forgiveness

In your own words, write down what it means to be **forgiving**...

Read/Study Matthew 18:21-35

1. How many times does Jesus say we are to forgive? Why?
2. Why is forgiveness so difficult?
3. What is the moral of the story about the 'unforgiving servant'?

Read/Study Romans 12:17-21

1. Why is it God's authority (not ours) to repay someone for a wrong?

Application:

1. Why does God make such a big deal about us forgiving people who have wronged us or hurt us?
2. What happens to someone who refuses to be forgiving?

3. If we aren't forgiving towards others, what does that say about our relationship with God?

4. ****Hard Question**** Share with the group someone that you haven't forgiven but need to?!? (keep in mind this is not an opportunity to gossip. So don't share names if it is someone that your whole group knows.)

Take it Home:

1. Pray and ask God to change your heart towards someone that you need to forgive. Then write a letter. Make a phone call. Send a text. Walk to a friend's house. Make today the day that you let go of your bitterness and truly forgive the person who has hurt you!
2. Read/Discuss Matthew 6:7-15, take notes on what can we learn about forgiveness from the Lord's prayer?