

# The Upside Down Unpredictable and Surprisingly Awesome Kingdom

**Matthew 18:15-35 – Forgiveness**

*'the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants...'*

People are not Perfect.

**No Recognition  
of the problem**

**No Change  
in behavior**

**Jesus says:**

\_\_\_\_\_ with it. Mat 18:15-17  
*"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault..."*

**Do the hard work, and Jesus will be with you.**  
*"For where two or three come together in my name,  
 there am I with them." (20)*

**Forgive like \_\_\_\_\_.** Matt 18:21-35  
 God's forgiveness is huge and unending.

10,000 talents =

**A life marked by forgiveness =**

**God's forgiveness in your life  
 Your forgiveness of others in your life**



## Getting Started

When have you received unexpected forgiveness?

Share a story of when you were forgiven, and the impact it had.

## Matthew 18

Read Matt 18:15-20.

What do you see as the advantages of following this advice?

When is it hard to follow? Where do you see it going bad?

Why do most people seem to talk about people who are messing up, rather than to people who are messing up? When you are off track, would you want someone to show you your error? How should someone approach the topic so that you would best receive it?

What does this self-reflection teach you?

How do you understand verses 19 & 20 in the context of this teaching of Jesus?

## Going Deeper

Review the sermon together. What stood out to you, raised questions, or seem particularly important?

God's Kingdom is something we are called to live in community. In Colossians, the idea of forgiving like God and being together in faith come together.

Read **Colossians 3:12-17**. In this passage, identify each command. Which commands can you do by yourself, which are in relationship and interaction with others? Why do you think community is part of God's Kingdom?

In what ways is forgiveness essential for community to function?

## Application

What would help you be a more forgiving person?  
 To whom do you need to extend forgiveness?