

Transformed
Week 5: Forgiveness
Matthew 18

1. In general, is it more difficult for you to forgive or to “go to your brother or sister” who has sinned against you? Why?
2. Read **Matthew 18:15-20**. What is the goal of the process Jesus outlines? How have you seen it work (or not work)?
3. Read **Matthew 18:21-35**. How does Jesus answer Peter’s question? How does the story he tells support his response?
4. Ken Sandee, in his helpful book *The Peacemaker*, identifies four promises we make when we truly forgive.

I will not dwell on this incident.

I will not bring up this incident again and use it against you.

I will not talk to others about this incident.

I will not let this incident stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.

What do you think of his list? Do you have a situation where you are struggling to make all four promises? What is your next step? Who can help you?

5. Again, according to Sandee, “Forgiveness provides an excellent opportunity to glorify God by sharing what Jesus did on the cross and how His love is the model of your forgiveness.” How do you feel when you read this statement? Have you ever had such an opportunity? Can you see how a current situation might be such an opportunity?