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Read Matthew 18:21-35 Together

In chapter 18 of Matthew, Peter comes to Jesus with a question: how many times are we meant to forgive those who sin against us? In response, Jesus speaks a parable that reminds us of the unimaginable forgiveness of Jesus and the way in which we should--and shouldn't--respond.

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus alludes to the promises of vengeance against those who would harm Cain and Lamech. Firstly, how is Lamech's oath different from the oath Jesus pledged to Cain? Secondly, how does Jesus subversion of this passage show us the character of God?
2. If this parable were told today, what metaphor might be used?
3. Do you struggle to forgive people? Do you find yourself prone to holding grudges? If so, how can you change that? If not, how did you learn to forgive freely?