

## cell outlines | week four

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**You Will Need**

Bibles

Pens/paper

Copies of the Bible study for everyone

As many Concordances and Bible Commentaries as you can find

30 day bible reading planners

Meditative music

Parables Bible Quiz

**WELCOME**

Bible Quiz - Parables

Take some time whilst the young people are engaged in the Bible study to collate all the results and see who the overall Bible quiz winner is....ready to announce at the end of the meeting!

**Feedback**

- Did anyone manage to try one new thing as discussed last week in their daily Bible reading?
- What creative ways to share their daily Bible reading with someone did people come up with?
- Ask how people are getting on with their 30 day reading challenge. They should be nearly finished. How are they going to continue to read the Bible? (They may like to choose another one of the 30 day reading planners if you have them with you)

**WORD**

Use the attached Bible study to put into practice many of the things discussed in last weeks cell group. You can do this as one large group or split into two / three smaller groups and then have a time for feedback at the end.

**WITNESS**

The final question in the Bible study asks how we can put into practice what we have learnt about forgiveness.

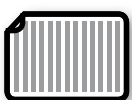
**WORSHIP**

The Bible study ends with a time of prayer.

**Memorise Challenge**

As a grand finale to this months cell groups, ask those who have been able to memorise the books of the Bible to demonstrate their skill! Give out prizes to them and to the Bible quiz master!!

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### Bible Study on the Topic of Forgiveness

1. **Read Matthew 18: 21 – 35**

2. **Watch you Tube clip:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gMLVNUENogA&feature=PlayList&p=F0F3EBEC39CD9C0E&index=3>

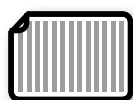
3. **Background to the parable**

If you have any Bible commentaries see what you can find out about the parable eg who was Jesus speaking to? What underlying meaning might this parable have had? What was happening immediately before and after Jesus told this parable?

For example: The debt the servant incurred to his master was humungous – 10 000 was the largest numerical unit that could be written in the Greek language at the time and a talent was the largest unit of currency. A healthy strong worker might earn a total of 10 talents in his lifetime. The figure clearly represents a debt that cannot be paid.

4. **Discuss the following questions**

- a. Who is represented in this story by the master, the first servant and the second servant?
- b. Why was the master so angry with the first servant and how did he punish him?
- c. What does this tell us about how God feels when we are unforgiving towards someone who has wronged us?
- d. How should we react to someone who has wronged us?
- e. What does seventy times seven really mean?
- f. What does this parable teach us about how God has forgiven us?
- g. How does this make you feel?
- h. Think of a modern day example that would illustrate the enormity of forgiveness as this parable describes.

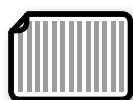




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5. **Use a concordance** to find and write out at least seven other verses on forgiveness. Choose one of these verses to paraphrase and share with the rest of the group.

6. **Put on some reflective music** and meditate on Psalm 103:8 -12. Write down what God says to you through your meditation.
7. **Memorise 1 John 1:9.** Be as creative as you can!
8. **Read Psalm 103:8 -12.** Use this psalm as a basis for a time of prayer.
- Perhaps each person could pray a line in their own words e.g. v8 'Thank you God that you have so much for love for me and for everyone in this group; thank you that you never look on us with anger or despair, but only with your grace.' (If you have more people than lines just start over at the beginning of the passage).
  - Or you could individually write out your own prayer based on this Psalm and read it aloud as you pray.
9. **Write down** one way that you can practically demonstrate God's forgiveness this week and do it!



## PARABLES BIBLE QUIZ

(Answers in bold)

1. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was the first man to pass by the wounded man?

- a. Pharisee
- b. Samaritan
- c. Priest**
- d. Scribe

2: In the parable of the debtors, one owed 10 000 talents, but how much did the other one owe?

- a. 1
- b. 10
- c. 100**
- d. 1000

3: When the Prodigal Son returned, the father gave him a robe, shoes and what other item?

- a. Ring**
- b. Coin
- c. Pearl
- d. Fish

4: Five of the 'Ten Virgins' did not take enough of what?

- a. Food
- b. Clothing
- c. Oil**
- d. Water

5: In the parable of the sower, what does the seed represent?

- a. Believers
- b. Jesus
- c. Gentiles
- d. Word of God**

6: In the parable of the grain of mustard seed, when it becomes a tree birds come and do what?

- a. Build nests**
- b. Eat the leaves
- c. Roost for the night
- d. Die

7: After the prodigal son had spent all his money and famine had come along, what job did he get?

- a. Building houses
- b. Feeding pigs**
- c. Sweeping streets
- d. Herding sheep

8: Jesus quotes a portion of text from the Old Testament in connection with the parable of the vineyard owner, The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:, but which Old Testament book did this come from?

- a. Psalms**
- b. Isaiah
- c. Ezekiel
- d. Jeremiah

9: Where did the man who received one talent from his master hide it?

- a. In a pot
- b. In a cave
- c. In the ground**
- d. In the fireplace



## PARABLES BIBLE QUIZ (CONT...)

(Answers in bold)

10: In the parable of the cloth and wine, why does no man put new wine into old bottles?

- a. **It will burst the bottles**
- b. It will taste bad
- c. It will smell bad
- d. The wine will not age

11: The foolish builder built his house on the...?

- a. Rock
- b. Grass
- c. **Sand**
- d. Concrete

12: Jesus asked: 'Can the blind lead the....?'

- a. Lame
- b. Sighted
- c. Deaf
- d. **Blind**

13: In the parable of the lamp, where is the candle to be set once it is lit?

- a. In a candlestick
- b. **On a stand**
- c. Under a bushel
- d. In the window

14: In the parable of the good father, if a son asks for an egg, what would the good father not give him?

- a. A fish
- b. A stone
- c. **A scorpion**
- d. A mouse

15: In the parable of the leaven, what is leaven more commonly known as?

- a. Flour
- b. **Yeast**
- c. Bread
- d. Salt

16: What does the shepherd of the lost sheep do once he realises one is missing?

- a. Waits up all night for it to return
- b. Abandons it and goes home
- c. Reports it to his master
- d. **Goes and looks for it**

