



# Oakwood

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## CHURCH

## February 27 Discussion Questions

### “Forgive Us Our Debts”

Matthew 6:9-15

#### PREVIEW

“**To forgive**” (ἀφίημι, aphiemí) means “to release, to let go, to send forth like you would a slave you held captive.”

**THE PROBLEM:** What I really want is **forgiveness** for me, but **justice** for you. (Mt 6:12)

**THE SOLUTION:** I need to forgive like my **forgiveness** depended on it. (Mt 6:14-15)

- If I can't forgive the sins of others, then I don't **understand** the forgiveness of God. (18:21-35)
- Justice says, “I'll give you what **you** gave me.” Forgiveness says, “I'll give you what **God** gave me.” (Rm 5:8)

#### THE RESPONSE

1. Instead of us giving justice, we **trust** God to give justice. (Rm 12:19)
2. We have two options when it comes to the sins committed against us: We either let it **go** or we let it **grow**. (Heb 12:15)
3. Let **God** forgive your sins. Let **go** of the sins of others (Mt 6:12)

#### OPENING QUESTION

1. What are common things people do that especially get under your skin? How do you tend to react in those situations?

**PRAY** - Pray for God's blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

### **READ THE PASSAGE — Matthew 6:9-15**

### **DISCUSSION & APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

2. What does it mean to forgive?
3. Why is it a good thing that we want justice? When does it become a problem?
4. What two things does Jesus connect in v.12? Why do you think He does this?
5. What is the main point of the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant in Matthew 18:21-35? What might this reveal about our understanding of the Gospel?
6. How does the Gospel enable us to forgive others?
7. Can you share a story of a time the Gospel enabled you to forgive someone?
8. Why is it damaging to us to hold grudges?
9. Are there any grudges or bitterness toward a person that you are carrying with you today? Why do you struggle to let it go?
10. In light of this study, how is God calling you to trust Him more?

### **PRAYER**

- Personal Request: Pray we will receive God's grace for daily forgiveness of our sins and then extend that grace to others who have sinned against us.
- The Lord's Prayer for Kids: *"Lord, help me not to think other people owe me anything, even when they hurt me or take things that belong to me. Help me to forgive others when they do wrong things, the way You forgive me when I sin."*