

## STUDY GUIDE

## Make Room For Forgiveness

WEEK OF December 9, 2018 Various Scriptures

## **CONNECT**

1.	What impacted	you the most from	n Pastor Troy's message?
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2.	What kinds of th	nings hold us	back from	truly receiving	g and givin	g forgiveness?

3. Read Matthew 6:12-15. Why do you think Jesus chose forgiveness as the only subject in the Lord's Prayer where He emphasized people's actions?

4. According to Jesus, what is the true motivation for forgiveness and how is that different from most people's motivation to forgive? Why is it so important for us to practice forgiveness and why is it so difficult?

5.	Read Matthew 18:21-35. What do you think Peter expected Jesus to say when he asked if someone should forgive a brother seven times? What did Jesus' answer reveal about Peter's motives in asking?
6.	Have you ever been in a situation where you felt that forgiving someone might be the same as enabling them? If so, share.
7.	How would you describe the servant's response to the king's decree?
8.	How did the second servant respond when the first servant came for collection? What would you expect the first servant to do and why?
9.	Why do you think the first servant lacked mercy and forgiveness and what do you think leads us to lack mercy and compassion at times? How does this parable emphasize Jesus' point about forgiveness?

10. Read Ephesians 4:32. What does the gospel teach us about the importance of forgiveness in the life of a Christian? Why is forgiveness really a spiritual issue and what does our willingness or unwillingness to forgive reveal about our hearts?
11. How are compassion and forgiveness related? As compassion for other people grow, how can our willingness and ability to forgive grow as well?
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12.Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive right now? What is keeping you from giving them forgiveness?
13. When is the last time you felt in awe of the forgiveness God has shown? How can you make that a regular part of your life?
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