

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Seventy Times Seven

### Prayer

**Text:** Matthew 18:21-35

**Icebreaker:** Talk about the negative ways an unforgiving spirit can hurt us.

---

---

---

1. Why might Peter have felt generous in his willingness to forgive someone 7 times?  
Matthew 18:21

---

---

---

2. What did Jesus mean when He said we should forgive those who sin against us seventy times seven? Matthew 18:22; Matthew 6:12

---

---

---

3. How does the parable Jesus shared with His disciples illustrate the enormous debt we owed and God's marvelous mercy in forgiving us. Matthew 18:23-27

---

---

---

4. How does Jesus parable illustrate the consequences of having an unforgiving spirit toward others? Matthew 18:28-35; Mark 11:25-26; Hebrews 12:14-15

---

---

---

5. What is the difference between pardon and forgiveness?

---

---

---

6. What does Peter teach us about maintaining our Christian testimony when others hurt us? 1 Peter 2:18-23; Luke 23:34

---

---

---

7. How do the following verses help us keep a positive attitude toward the hurtful things people say and do against us?  
Psalm 76:10 (KJV), Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20; 2 Samuel 16:5-12

---

---

---

8. How did Paul respond when a demon possessed girl interrupted them day after day while they were praying and sharing Christ with others? Acts 16:16-18

---

---

---

Never look at anyone as unredeemable. They're just broken. Let the hurtful things they say and do draw attention to their spiritual needs. Then ask God for the privilege of being a channel of His love, grace, and mercy to help them.

9. Forgiveness recognizes bitterness and holding a grudge as a type of retribution. What does Romans 12:19 teach us about getting even?

---

---

---

10. What should we realize about our offender since they are walking contrary to the ways of God? Isaiah 57:20-21; Proverbs 13:15; 15:16-17

---

---

---

11. How does God want us to respond when others hurt and offend us?  
Romans 12:19-21

---

---

---

**Think about it this week:**

*If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge.  
Don't let the sun go down with you still angry. Get over it quickly.*  
Ephesians 4:26 TLB

We've been forgiven a debt we could never pay. The debts others have incurred against us, no matter how serious they may seem. They fade into insignificance when compared to the enormous debt from which we have been pardoned by the king of the universe.