

Bible Passage Study Guide

Bible Passage: Matthew 18:23-35

What's the story about? Answer these questions (you might have to look a few verses before or after the story):

1. When does the story happen? While Jesus is teaching His disciples
2. Where does the story happen? Near Capernaum (Matthew 17:24)
3. Who are the main people in the story? King, unforgiving servant, other servant, rest of the servants
4. What happens, how does the story unfold (tell the story in 3-6 steps)?
 - a. King wants to settle accounts with his servants
 - b. Unforgiving servant couldn't pay his HUGE debt.
 - c. King forgives the debt.
 - d. Unforgiving servant puts other servant in jail because he owes a little money.
 - e. Rest of the servants tell the king.
 - f. King punishes unforgiving servant.
5. What is the main point? How would you title the story? God forgives, we forgive.

What is the **L**aw? What does God require? What does God threaten? What does God punish? How does this story point to sin or the result from sin? Use words from the story.

1. Sin is a HUGE debt, no one can hope to pay it back.
2. When people refuse to forgive other people, they show they don't accept God's mercy.
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What is the **G**ospel? What does God promise? What does God forgive? What does God bless? How does this story point to Jesus? Use words from the story.

1. God shows mercy and patience.
2. God doesn't just give more time, He **for**gives the HUGE debt.
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Apply. How is the old story true today? How does the old story connect with my life? How does it change my life? Use words from the story.

1. I can never hope to pay God back for my sins.
2. God freely forgives my sin.
3. I should also show mercy to other people, the same as God shows mercy to me.

Pray: Dear Father, thank You because You don't punish my sins. Please help me forgive others the same. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.