

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Twenty One: Matthew 18:1–35

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1.
 - a) What was the question the disciples asked Jesus in verse 1?

 - b) What was His answer to them?

 - c) What word in verse 3 reminds you of John the Baptist's message of chapter 3? Why?

2. Jesus is relating much of His teaching to past teachings in Matthew (Sermon on the Mount). From the following verses in chapter 18, to what past teaching in Matthew do they relate? Give the verse and the message from His earlier teaching.

Present Verse**Earlier Verse and Message**

- a) Verse 4

 - b) Verse 6

 - c) Verse 7
3.
 - a) What strong warning does Jesus give in verse 7b?

 - b) How has sin come through you to another?

- c) What are you going to do about this? (Will you have your group pray with you for this and hold you accountable?)
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4. What do verses 10–11 tell us about angels and the particular angels for the little ones?
 5. What is Jesus' emphasis and lesson for us today from the parable of the lost sheep in verses 12–14?
 6. Give the steps of how to confront a brother or sister in the Lord based upon verse 15–20.
 7. How do verses 18–20 relate to this confrontation of a believer and what does this teach you?
 8. a) What question does Peter ask in verse 21?

b) What was Jesus' answer?

c) Do you think Jesus meant we can stop forgiving after seventy-seven times? Why?

Going Deeper:

9. Who have you stopped forgiving and what has this parable in verses 23–34 taught you?
10. How would the Heavenly Father treat you based upon your forgiveness of your brother/sister from your heart?