



FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION

FORGIVE AND BE FORGIVEN

(MATTHEW 6:14-15)

1 READ THE SCRIPTURE

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

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2 REFLECT Ask some or all of these questions, depending on your context and timeframe

- Why would Jesus make forgiving others a prerequisite to being forgiven?
- What's an example from your life of something that's been very hard to forgive, and why? In light of that harm done to you, how do you reconcile what Jesus is saying?
- When it comes to forgiveness, are you quicker to offer it or ask for it? Why?
- No relationship can survive long without forgiveness—in your sphere of relationships, who's most in need of your forgiveness, and why?

3 CHOOSE AN IMAGE

Consider the four images above—how does each one relate to the essence of what Jesus is saying in the Scripture passage, and why?