

Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 18:21-22 and Ephesians 4:32. Why is forgiveness the “default response” for followers of Jesus? Can you think of a situation when forgiveness should not be our response to an offense?
2. Romans 12:17 says to “give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.” How does this compare with “repaying evil for evil”? How is forgiving someone who has wronged you “honorable in the sight of all”?
3. Read 1 Peter 4:8. Why did Phil say, “Relationships cannot function without forgiveness”? What does that assume about relationships?
4. Why is it so important to release the one who offended you (and the offense) over to God? Read Hebrews 12:15. What is the danger of holding onto that issue in your life?
5. Why is forgiving someone who has wronged us one of the most powerful witnesses for Jesus Christ and the Gospel in our world today? Think about 1 Peter 2:23 and Romans 5:8.
6. When Chick-fil-A workers take free food out to people who are trying to shut down their restaurant, what message does that communicate to the world?