

FORGING FELLOWSHIP

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21Then Peter approached him and asked, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? As many as seven times?” **22**“I tell you, not as many as seven,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven.”

— Matthew 18:21–22 (CSB)

“For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

— Matthew 18:20 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

You may be affected by at least one of these common pet peeves: cutting in line, interrupting, and movie spoilers.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

Share one pet peeve of yours that really got on your nerves.

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Offenses happen, even within the church. Mistakes still happen. People still sin. Everyone is still undergoing sanctification.
- But while the devil tries to break relationships apart, God's presence empowers us to walk together in forgiveness and unity.
- In the same way that Jesus forgave us no matter our history and sin, we can forgive others (Matthew 18:22).
- As we grow more Christlike in fellowship with others, we can continue to walk in unity with each other and forgive one another, countless times.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- What is one quarrel or offense you experienced in the church? How did you respond to it? How did it get resolved?
- What has God spoken to you about loving despite offenses within our church community?
- Share a real-life story of forgiveness.

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray that you and other followers of Christ will forgive as Christ forgave us. Pray for God's reconciliation in any relationships that have been broken.
- Pray for unity in the church, which is accompanied by God's presence (Matthew 18:20). Pray for God's love to rise above and heal all offenses.

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Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

— Proverbs 27:6 (NIV)

¹How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! . . . ³For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

— Psalm 133:1,3 (NIV)