



## Discussion Guide for “The Holy Catholic Church” *Believe Week 10*

Forgiveness is difficult – both as an internal experience and as an external movement to restore the social relationship that’s been broken. But to be the Church is to insist on forgiveness as essential to a fully human life. The journey of forgiveness is fueled by confession – an honest accounting of where we are before God. What does it take for us to be a people who insists on forgiveness?

### Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 6:12-15](#)

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

[Proverbs 28:13](#)

[Ephesians 4:31-32](#)

[1 John 1:8-9](#)

### Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week’s passage is [Matthew 18:21-35](#).

### Questions for Discussion

1. What does it look like to be good at forgiving? Do you consider yourself to be ‘good’ at forgiving? Explain.
2. Jesus teaches us to ask God to forgive us the same way we forgive other people. Is that a prayer you want to pray? Why is it so challenging?
3. How does Jesus’ parable of the ungrateful servant (Matthew 18:21-35) help us understand the economy of forgiveness?
4. Have you practiced confession before? Why is it scary? Why is it *necessary* if we are to be a forgiving people?
5. What does it look like for you to move toward forgiveness this week?