



Based on the teaching from Sunday 3 May 2026, 'I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins'

Sermon can be found on our website lwac.org.au, click on 'talks' top left of the page.

Text: **Matthew 18:21-35**

Key ideas from the sermon:

1. From Matt 18, Jesus shows that sin is an unpayable debt to God. It is unpayable in that it is so large and also that we simply don't have it in us to be able to repay it.
2. Jesus teaches that God has forgiven our sin, by taking pity on us, cancelling the debt and giving us freedom.
3. God has forgiven the unforgiveable in us; we are called to follow Jesus, to be Christ like by forgiving the unforgiveable in others.
4. Forgiveness is a matter of the heart toward others. Forgiveness does not mean the rejection of consequences for actions, appropriate boundaries, and behaviour change that may need to take place.

Bible Study: The Swedish Method [Matthew 18:21-35]

1. Begin by praying, asking God to speak through His Word
2. Read the Bible passage aloud, being careful to read slowly
3. Go back over the passage (allow about 10 minutes of silence), being on the lookout for, and making notes on the following four things:



Light bulb: This should be something that 'shine' from the passage - whatever impacts most, or draws attention.

Notes:



Question mark: Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question the reader might like to ask the writer of the passage, or the Lord.

Notes:



Jesus: What does this passage teach me about who Jesus is, what he has done for me and what it means for me to follow him in my life.

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Arrow: A personal application for your life.

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4. Discussion & Prayer