

## **Waging Peace**

*Fighting Conflict with Forgiveness (Matt. 18:21-35)*

Conflict is a pain point that surfaces in all our lives, but Jesus calls us to leverage conflict as an opportunity to display the gospel by choosing to forgive. Because Christ has forgiven us, Jesus puts forth a call for us to use forgiveness to fight against conflict and initiate reconciliation.

### **Fighting Conflict with Forgiveness:**

- A. Initiation (Matt. 5:22-23; Matt. 18:15)
  
- B. Expectation (Matt. 18:21-22)
  
- C. Motivation (Matt. 18:23-35)

### **Practical Benefits of Forgiveness:**

- A. Forgiveness Breaks the Cycle
  
- B. Forgiveness Offers Us Freedom
  
- C. Forgiveness Begins Reconciliation

### **Discussion in Action:**

*Who do you need to forgive?*