

# SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 8/25/13

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## ***Relentless Pursuit, Unfailing Forgiveness...*** **Matthew 18:15-35**

**Purpose of SG:** to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

**2013 Annual Focus:** Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

**Announcements:** (1) Baptism at the lake 9/8, (2) Hope Counselor training starts 9/15 and (3) SGL Day Retreat is 9/21 from 9am-4:30pm at Durant Nature Park, (4) Men's Retreat 10/4-6.

### **SG Discussion Questions:**

*Focus: calling one another to the high priority of rescuing and reconciling errant brothers and sisters by loving church discipline and unfailing forgiveness.*

Retell the story of the man with cream cheese in his mustache (see below). Why would we not tell someone about this blob on their face? What presses us in that direction?

Read 18.12-14. How do those same pressures keep us from pursuing a brother or a sister in their waywardness and sin?

Read 18.15-20. Have people share their experiences with church discipline in churches. What concerns do they have about participating in this process to rescue someone? What questions do they have? how can the first step of this process (one on one) take place in your small group in a loving, redemptive way?

Read 18.21-35. What impacted you most as you thought about this story this week? What tempts us to be like the unforgiving servant? What can we do to protect ourselves from an unforgiving spirit? What helps you grasp that you have been forgiven a \$10 billion dollar debt by God in such a way that you are empowered to pass it on?

Here is a brief online resource/commentary on this passage to help you prepare for your discussion: <https://bible.org/seriespage/life-under-kingdom-authority-matthew-18>