

# theChristianatheist

I Believe in God but Won't Forgive

WARM UP

**If you could be an Olympic athlete, what sport would you compete in?**

SET IT UP

Forgiveness is the foundation of our faith. We all believe in the concept of forgiveness. We love receiving God's unconditional pardon for our sins. But what's difficult is forgiving those who have wronged us.

CHAT IT UP

1. **Share about a time when you got out of a consequence.**
2. **Read Matthew 18:21-27. How are we like the servant whose debt was forgiven?**
3. **Read Matthew 18:28-35. Imagine you're hearing this story for the first time. What is your reaction to the servant who will not forgive the debt?**
4. **In your own words: what is the point Jesus is making?**
5. **Mark talked about what forgiveness looks like when we've done it. Which one is hardest for you? They are: (1) I won't bring this up to you, (2) I won't bring this up to others, and (3) I won't dwell on it myself.**
6. **Mark said forgiving is not forgetting. Agree or disagree? Why?**
7. **True or False: After I forgive someone I shouldn't treat them any different. Why?**
8. **Have you ever wrestled with forgiveness? Have you been able to forgive yet?**

WRAP IT UP

We can't be a Christian and an Atheist at the same time. But we can drift into an atheist lifestyle when we live like God doesn't exist. When we see our sin on Jesus, it melts our anger and gives us the power to forgive. Forgiven people forgive people.

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LEADER TIPS

- This is a good week to print out the whole passage so everyone can look at it together (Matthew 18:21-35).