

## **PSEI-wide Bible Study**

### **November 2018**

#### **Matthew 18:15-22 (NRSV)**

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

#### **Questions for Reflection & Discussion**

1. How should we act toward someone if we “let such a one be to you [us] as a Gentile and a tax collector”?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What does forgiving 77 times look like in the church, in the community, . . . ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How might the Presbytery/congregation/committee be guided by this scripture?