November 22 Have a Little Faith: Forgive A\*\*holes

Read Matthew 18:21-22

## Have you ever forgiven someone?

If so, why did you decide to forgive them? If not, why did you decide to withhold forgiveness? How did that decision make you feel?

Have you ever asked for forgiveness from someone you hurt? From God?

Did they choose to forgive you?

What did it feel like?

*"It's an act of fidelity to an evil-combatting campaign- it's not an act of niceness, it's not being a doormat, it's more badass than that" - what does that statement mean to you?* 

## Read Matthew 26:48-52

"If we're not careful, we can actually absorb the worst of our enemy and on some level even start to become them...so what if, rather than being, like, a pansy way of saying 'it's ok'- it's actually a way of building bolt-cutters and snapping the chain that links us. Like, it is saying, 'What you did was so NOT ok that I refuse to be connected to it anymore!"

Why might someone choose to retaliate when they've been hurt or when someone they care about has been hurt?

Why might it be hard to forgive someone instead of retaliating?

Do you think it's important to forgive someone right away or is it ok to wait?

Why might someone choose to wait to forgive? What could they be waiting for?

If you forgive someone, is it important to let them know, or is it ok to just think it in your heart and tell God? Why or Why not?