# Title: Christian Forgiveness

**Key Questions:** Have we ever been impressed by an example of forgiveness?

How do the followers of T\* seek and offer forgiveness?

Why can it be a good thing if I forgive others?

Is forgiveness always possible? Can I forgive on behalf of others?

**Key Concepts:** Forgiveness, reconciliation, hope, freedom, compassion, bitterness.

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| **Learning objectives** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
| LO: to come to an understanding of why and how some Christians have forgiven others. | Look at some pictures related to the 7/7 bombings and get students to come up with Who, What, When, Where, How, Because, If, Why questions.  Explain what happened on the day – linking to the students questions.  Imagine if your daughter was killed on that day – would you be able to forgive.  Read the article about Julie Nicholson – how has her life been affected? (NB She wrote a book about this and it was made into a TV drama as part of the 10th Anniversary Remembrances)  Watch the video of Julie talking about her situation.  Discuss in pairs or groups:  Do you think it is possible to forgive people for something they have done to another person? Is it possible to forgive if the person isn’t asking you for forgiveness?  Answer the question: What might Jesus say to Julie?  How have other Christians responded to the death of a loved one.  Show pictures related to the death of Anthony Walker and again get students to write questions.  Feedback filling in the gaps in their knowledge.  Watch and make notes on this video – why have Anthony’s Mother and Sister forgiven his killers?  What would you do?  Draw two boxes In one represent (using pictures, symbols and words) forgiveness and one representing unforgiveness.  Look at each others pictures –what positibe and negative feeling and emotions are expressed? Does everyone think similar things about the two situations? | <http://www.theguardian.com/uk/2006/mar/07/religion.july7>  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2b36yc/revision/8>  (it’s at the bottom of this page)  <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murder_of_Anthony_Walker>  <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2b36yc/revision/8> |