

Relational success is dependent on a person's ability to give and receive forgiveness. But forgiving doesn't necessarily mean you forget. You can forgive a person and also not expose yourself to their hurtful behavior any longer.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. In what kind of situations is it hardest for you to forgive others? Why can it be difficult to say "I'm sorry" to someone? Talk about what makes it so difficult to forgive sometimes.
- 2. **Read Matthew 18:21-35**. The king in this story was willing to forgive his servant, but in return, he expected his servant to forgive others. How does this story translate how God is with us?
- 3. Jason talked about three truths from the story in Matthew: God specializes in unfair trades, forgiven people forgive people, and forgiving doesn't mean forgetting. Which truth do you need the most work on? What can you do this week to start embracing that truth?
- 4. Forgiving someone doesn't mean that you need to put up with their behavior. What types of situations would call for boundaries to be put in place after you've forgiven someone? If you're in one of those situations, what can you do to put those boundaries in place?

CHALLENGE

Think about how much God has forgiven you, and extend that to another person this week.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Colossians 3:13**