

# FORGIVENESS

## Principle 6:

Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when doing so would harm them or others.

*"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Matthew 5:7*

*"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." Matthew 5:9*

## Step 9:

We made direct amends to such people whenever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

*"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift." Matthew 5:23–24*

## Have you accepted \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness?

*"This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus." Romans 3:22–26*

## Have you forgiven \_\_\_\_\_ who have hurt you?

*"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:17–18*

## Have you forgiven \_\_\_\_\_ ?

*"Come now, let us settle the matter, says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Isaiah 1:18*

### LEADER'S FOCUS QUESTION

What hurts from a past relationship are you still hanging on to and how can you let go of them?

## NOTES

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