

# GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

## CONNECT

What is your biggest pet peeve that people do? Why does it make you so mad?

## LEARN & APPLY

Read Matthew 18:21-35.

1. The setting for this parable is an honest question from Peter (verse 21), "How far do I have to go with this forgiveness business?" He thinks he's being laudable by suggesting "seven times." How far does Jesus stretch it (verse 22)? What does that mean?
2. Two men in the parable are debtors. The one who owes a million dollars gets forgiveness and the one who owes \$20 does not. Why did Jesus use such a drastic comparison?
3. How have people sinned against you? Are they in the "no big deal" \$20 category? If they're more in the million-dollar range, can you still forgive?
4. The man who had no pity is called wicked and loses the mercy he once received (verses 34-35). Why is lack of forgiveness a most serious thing? What does it cost you when you don't forgive?

## PRAY

Lord God, you are holy and perfect; we are fools and sinners. We owe you everything! Soften our hearts; that we might grow in mercy. "Lord, be patient with me." In the sweet and amazing grace of Jesus, amen.