

JOURNEY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE
LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES—PART 6
“Relationship Repair!”

Icebreaker: What’s the biggest way you’ve changed since you were a child? In what way are you still the same? Why is it so hard to make positive changes in our life?

- What’s something that stood out to you or impacted you from the message on Sunday?

1) Read **Matthew 5:7**.

What does it mean to you to be merciful & to show mercy? How has God personally shown you His mercy?

What comes to mind when you think about the **Relationship Choice:**

“I evaluate all my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm that I have done to others...”

2) Read **Matthew 18:21-35**.

As you read & hear this story, what thoughts do you have about being forgiven & forgiving others? Put yourself in the story as each person represented (king, debtor, fellow servant)—would you have acted any differently—does it change your attitude about showing mercy & making peace with others? Talk about it.

We’re just like the servant who owed such a huge debt—because we owe a sin debt we can’t pay! What did Jesus do about our sin debt & how does He forgive us & treat us when we sin & ask for His forgiveness?

If we truly understand how God has forgiven us (immediately, completely, & unconditionally), how should we handle forgiving those who have hurt us? The truth is, I want mercy shown to me, but I don't want to show it to others! What happens *to us & in us* when we don't forgive others (**Matthew 6:14-15**)?

Why is it so hard to forgive those who have hurt us? Before you answer, try to focus on the “*why*”, not who offended you or the details of what they did!

God has given us His grace & shown us unbelievable mercy—& He wants us to show that same mercy to others? What step can you take today & moving forward to forgive & show mercy? In other words, how will you apply this to your life?

Who is someone you need to forgive (think about it, don't announce it out loud to the group):
Today I forgive...(who)?
How will it affect you if you forgive them? How will it affect you if you don't forgive them?

Before we pray, what's one thing your thankful for?

Close in prayer.

Additional Scripture: Luke 15:11-32; Colossians 3:13-15; Luke 6:37; James 2:13; Job 5:2; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:17-19; Proverbs 12:18-20; Psalm 139:23-24