

## 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.

*"Happy are the merciful. Happy are the peacemakers."*  
Matthew 5:7a and 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 has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."*  
Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)

**Have you accepted \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness?**

*God puts people right through their faith in Jesus Christ. God does this to all who believe in Christ, because there is no difference at all: everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. (Romans 3:22-23 GNB)*

**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 NIV)*

**Have you forgiven \_\_\_\_\_ ?**

*"Come, let's talk this over," says the Lord; "no matter how deep the stain of your sins, I can take it out and make you as clean as freshly fallen snow." (Isaiah 1:18a LB)*

### LEADER'S FOCUS QUESTION

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