

## Walls into Windows Week 3 -Discussion Guide

### Connect

**Ice Breaker:** Discuss a time when you struggled to forgive yourself or someone else; how did it impact your relationship with God and others?

**Talk About It:** If we understand the window of forgiveness Jesus has opened in our lives it will blow down any wall of bitterness in our lives. The devil knows if we will not open the window of God's forgiveness to ourselves, we will not be able to open it or keep it open for others.

**Key Passages:** Matthew 6:12, Matthew 18:21-35, Luke 17:5, 1 Corinthians 4:3, John 3:16-17

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35 How does our understanding of God's forgiveness influence our actions towards others who owe us?
2. Can you share a time when forgiving someone freed you from a burden, and how did that experience draw you closer to God?
3. How does 1 Corinthians 4:3, where Paul talks about not even judging himself, challenge our own tendencies to judge ourselves and others?
4. How can embracing God's forgiveness impact the way we view and treat others who have wronged us?
5. What steps can we take to ensure that forgiveness is not just a concept we understand but a daily action we live out in our relationships?

### Protect

As a group, pray for the courage to dismantle any bitterness within our hearts and replace it with the forgiveness Jesus gave us.

### Grow

**Action Steps:** This week identify someone you have unresolved issues with and take the first step by reaching out to them with a message of forgiveness. Take time to journal your experience.