

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Which group of people in your life are the hardest to show forgiveness: family, friends, co-workers, employees, church family or other? Why do you think that is?

LEARN & APPLY

In the 'sermon on the plain' Jesus is teaching his disciples what it looks like to be his followers.

- **Read Luke 6:20-26.** Don't settle for numb: engage the kingdom!
 - When you're aware you have needs you can't fill, what kinds of actions do you take?
 - What things in life open our eyes to see we need more than we can provide?
- Read Luke 6:27-38. Always Lead with Love: It's Jesus' way.
 - What do you think is harder: to forgive or to be forgiven?
 - When you're shown compassion instead of being judged, what changes in you?
 - In what ways can we communicate to the world about Jesus through loving the unlovable?
- Read Luke 6:46-49. If Jesus is Lord, he's the only foundation worth building on.
 - Share about times when you doubt that Jesus' love actually changes the world.
 - The whole of our Christian faith is built on God leading in love, not by our deserving, but by his compassion. Read John 3:16. Is knowing God's love changing you? Why or why not?

PRAY

Ask the Holy Spirit to show each one in your group who you might invite to join you in pouring out love on December 17 (Serve Day), so they might start to know the heart of Jesus - who poured out love for us!