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Discussion
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Brothers and sisters forgive each other's flaws

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

**someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Share about an object of sentimental value that you received from someone (maybe your child or friend or relative). Why is it valuable?

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- To set the stage for our discussion, do you think that our culture leans more *toward* forgiveness or *away*? How have you seen this?
- In **Colossians 3:12** Paul explains that attitudes are the first step toward forgiveness. Discuss how each lends itself toward forgiveness.
 - *Respond Leniently* (mercy)
 - *Share Practically* (kindness)
 - *Reflect Personally* (humility)
 - *Speak Gently* (gentleness)
 - *React Slowly* (patience)
- Read **Colossians 3:13**. How does this verse explain the Point: *Brothers And Sisters Forgive Each Other's Flaws*?
- On whom does Paul place the responsibility of forgiveness? [you!]
- According to **Colossians 3:14-15**, what is the benefit for the body when we forgive? *How* is this a benefit? [see subtitle for this series!]
- Read this story in *The Message* (MSG), where Jesus breaks through some of the myths surrounding forgiveness. Discuss each myth.
 - *There is No Limit! Matthew 18:21-22*
 - *There is No Owe-Age! Matthew 18:23-27*
 - *There is No "Special Situation"! Matthew 18:28-31*
 - *There Are No Conditions! Matthew 18:32-35*
- Which of these "forgivemyths" have you bought in to? Why is that?
- Forgiveness can be hard. Is there someone that God wants you to forgive? Raise your hand and we will pray for you—then go forgive!

The References

Main Passage: Colossians 3:12-15 (NLT)

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of ONE body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.

Matthew 18:21-35 (MSG)

At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, "Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?" Jesus replied, "Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven."

"The kingdom of God is like a king who decided to square accounts with his servants. As he got under way, one servant was brought before him who had run up a debt of a hundred thousand dollars. He couldn't pay up, so the king ordered the man, along with his wife, children, and goods, to be auctioned off at the slave market. The poor wretch threw himself at the king's feet and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' Touched by his plea, the king let him off, erasing the debt.

The servant was no sooner out of the room when he came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him ten dollars. He seized him by the throat and demanded, 'Pay up. Now!' The poor wretch threw himself down and begged, 'Give me a chance and I'll pay it all back.' But he wouldn't do it. He had him arrested and put in jail until the debt was paid. When the other servants saw this going on, they were outraged and brought a detailed report to the king.

The king summoned the man and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave your entire debt when you begged me for mercy. Shouldn't you be compelled to be merciful to your fellow servant who asked for mercy?' The king was furious and put the screws to the man until he paid back his entire debt. And that's exactly what my Father in heaven is going to do to each one of you who doesn't forgive unconditionally anyone who asks for mercy."