

Open Share Small Group Discussion Worksheet

Forgiveness ...to pardon; no repayment of debt required

Step 8: We made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31

Step 9: We made direct amends wherever 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

Principle 6: Evaluate all my relationships. Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for I've done others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

"Happy are the merciful." and "Happy are the peacemakers."

Note to the Newcomer: Open Share Small Groups allow us to grow closer to one another through sharing our hurts, habits & hang-ups and the tools we use to overcome them. When we go around the room, feel free to share on tonight's topic or say pass and just listen. In order to start the recovery process on a solid foundation we suggest that you:

1. Make a commitment to attend the large group and small group time regularly **2.** Start looking for someone that you connect with that you can ask to be your sponsor or accountability partner. These people will be able to assist you on your journey and will become part of your accountability team. **3.** Begin working and applying the recovery principles found in the CR Participant's Guides and the Bible. **4.** Set a personal goal to become involved in a step study group.

THREE TYPES OF FORGIVENESS

To be completely free from our resentments, anger, fears, shame, and guilt we need to give and accept forgiveness in all areas of our lives. If we don not, our recovery will be stalled and thus incomplete. **Note:** *Forgiving another does not excuse harm done; it releases us from the power that the person had over us. The harm others have caused us was from free will not God's will.*

Have I accepted God's forgiveness?

Have I forgiven others who have hurt me?

Have I forgiven myself?

LARGE GROUP REFLECTION:

Did the Speaker or Lesson uncover a new area that I need to take a look at?

I could relate to the Speaker or Lesson in the following ways: _____.

OPEN SHARE SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION STARTERS:

1. As I look at the 3 kinds of forgiveness, which one of them was the easiest for me to accept? Why?
2. Which area of forgiveness was the most difficult for me to accept? Why?
3. Have I been subjected to harm caused by another's free will?
4. Give an example of how I have displayed free will and example of God's will.
5. Describe the peace and freedom of forgiving someone who has harmed you.
6. Why do I give forgiveness easily to some people and unwillingly to others?

