Finding Forgiveness

with God

Think of a time when you've been hounded, harangued, or otherwise hurt by someone. What made it really hard to find forgiveness?

Read <u>Psalm 32:1-5</u>.

How do these lines spotlight what's divine about forgiveness?

What personal insights do you gain from David's words right here?

Why is forgiveness especially hard for all of us on the landscape of current culture and history?

Explore these verses about the image of God: Genesis 1:27; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15

As you reflect on God's words in these verses, what do you learn about his image?

Forgiven people forgive people.

Read <u>Matthew 6:14-15</u>, <u>Mark 11:25</u>, and <u>Luke 23:34</u>.

What do you find unsettling and challenging about Jesus' words in each scene?

For personal introspection:

What would it look like for you to more deeply believe and receive God's mercy? What would it look like for you to more effectively express Christlike mercy with others?

Get Ready for Next Week:

Read each day from *Colossians 3:12-15* and *Ephesians 4:31-5:2*.