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## F. GROWING DEEPER AS A DISCIPLE

### F.1: I know I am forgiven [Psalms 103:8-13]

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#### **A STORY**

Recently a young man expressed his conviction over attending a movie that showed some undesirable violence. He was deeply troubled that he had watched movies like this. How does a person know he is forgiven? We will discuss the following verses of Scripture and learn how you can help a person become aware of God's forgiveness. Let's look at

#### **DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE**

##### **Psalm 103: 8-13:**

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. nor will he harbor his anger forever; <sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. <sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; <sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. <sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

#### **DISCOVERY AND DISCUSSION**

1. What are the things you discover about God in this passage?

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2. Which of these do you have trouble believing?

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3. What is it about God that gives you confidence that he will forgive?

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4. How do you feel when you hear about His great love?

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5. What does he do with your sins?

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6. What does the phrase "as far as the east is from the west" mean?

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7. How do you feel His compassion?

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### **APPLICATION AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

8. How can this concept affect your thinking?

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9. What will be the results in your own life as you face this reality of God's forgiveness?

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10. When will you take steps to be with God and agree with Him about your forgiveness?

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### **DIGGING IN DEEPER**

1. What is the most important part of this lesson to you? Explain.

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2. How do you see applying aspects of this lesson to your life?

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3. When do you feel would be the best time to make that application?

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4. What do you hear the Lord speaking to you about this right now?

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**SIMILAR VERSES IN THE BIBLE**

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