

Opening Question: *Enjoying the lighter side of getting to know one another*
What are two foods for which you are particularly thankful?

Peter and Forgiveness

Examine the Text

1. Read Matthew 18:21-35.

- a) What questions does this parable raise?

- b) How might you put the basic message of this parable into your own words?

Apply it to Life

2. Interact with this Tim Keller statement: *To forgive is to cancel a debt by paying it or absorbing it yourself. Someone always pays every debt.*

3. Share something about your experience of receiving forgiveness. Whether this was forgiveness from God or forgiveness from a person, how did it impact your heart?

4. Interact with this Tim Keller explanation of emotional wealth:

“... you can’t be gracious to someone if you are too needy and insecure. If you know God’s love and forgiveness, then there is a limit to how deeply another person can hurt you. He or she can’t touch your real identity, wealth, and significance. The more you rejoice in your own forgiveness, the quicker you will be to forgive others. You are rooted in emotional wealth.”

5. Describe some success and struggle that you’ve had in extending boundless forgiveness to others.

6. What practices have been helpful for you to build your emotional humility (recognition of sin) and emotional wealth?

Closing Accountability Question: *Spurring one another on through asking key spiritual growth questions*
What have you done to build a relationship with a non-Christian recently? Do you see any spiritual interest in them?

Close in prayer.