

# Everyone Wants to Be Found

A Community of Peace	[employer vs. father]	Going Deeper—Living it Out	Do you tend to see God as an employer or a father? What's the difference?
	[younger son] Luke 15.12-24		How does this perspective affect the way you live?
	Request-		“Sin is wishing God were dead.” What do you think about that statement?
	Return-		In what ways can you identify with the younger son?
	Response-		How did the father restore the younger son?
	[the older son] Luke 15.25-32		Describe the ways that you can relate with the older son.
			How does the father restore the older son?
	[another son?] Luke 19.10		Who is the other son? What does he know about the father and how is he a part of that?
			Describe some ways that we wrongly understand and live out forgiveness.

A Community of Peace	[putting it together]	Going Deeper—Living it Out	Our forgiveness indicates what we think about God's forgiveness
			Thoughts on forgiveness:
	[big questions]		How willing am I to offer forgiveness? What does my willingness to forgive indicate about my perspective of God's forgiveness?
			Do I perceive God as my employer or my Father? What do I need to do about that?
			Whose debt do I need to make some payments on?
	[next step]		If I can think of someone I need to forgive (or forgave in a superficial way in the past), I will go to that person and affirm my forgiveness, just as I am experiencing God's forgiveness.
			“Sin creates a debt that must be paid.” When someone sins against you, what are some ways that you are tempted to “take payments” on their debts? How could you intentionally “make payments” on their debt?
			Where and how do you get the ability to forgive?
			What are the 4 promises of forgiveness? Which one is the most difficult for you? Why?
			How can focusing on the forgiveness God offers through Jesus empower us to be able to forgive?
			<b>MEMORIZE THIS!</b> Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  -Colossians 3.13 (NIV)