

*“Forgiveness means that I continually am willing to forgive the other person for not being God – for not fulfilling all my needs. I, too, must ask forgiveness for not being able to fulfill other people’s needs. ... The interesting thing is that when you can forgive people for not being God, then you can celebrate that they are a reflection of God.”*

Henri Nouwen

Storytelling in small groups or personal reflection. One by one, each person shares their answer to the first prompt below. Then go to next question and so forth. A person can pass.

- 1. Tell what you learned as a child about forgiveness.**
- 2. Share your thoughts and/or feeling about being *“willing to forgive the other person for not being God – for not fulfilling all my needs.”***
- 3. Share a story about forgiving yourself. (How did you feel at the time?)**