# **Go Deeper Life Group Study**

# THE EASTER JOURNEY

Father Forgive Them March 29, 2020

#### ICE-BREAKER...

What things in your "normal life" have you become more thankful for thanks to "social distancing"?

## **GROUP DISCUSSION...**

- 1. Read Luke 23:34. How does Jesus' prayer give you insight into how Jesus looks at you and your sin?
- 2. Read Genesis 45:1-7. Does forgiving mean forgetting what they have done to you? What does it cost Joseph to offer his brothers forgiveness? What does it cost his brothers to receive Joseph's forgiveness?
- 3. Read Ephesians 4:26-27. What kind of opportunities does holding on to anger give the enemy? What does it mean not to let the sun go down on your anger?
- **4.** What are some of the obstacles that prevent people from forgiving those who have hurt them? What are the long-term consequences of choosing not to forgive?
- **5.** Have you ever had a hurt you felt like you could not forgive? Have you ever tried forgiving but the feelings of anger and resentment keep coming back? What did you do?
- **6.** What role does empathy, for the person who hurt you, play in the process of forgiveness?
- 7. Is there anyone in your life that you need to forgive? Is there anyone you need to ask forgiveness from? How can this group support you?

## REMIND YOURSELF DAILY...

TURN YOUR ATTENTION AWAY FROM WHAT THEY DID TO YOU TO WHAT JESUS DID FOR YOU!

VERSE OF REFLECTION...

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. – Colossians 3:13