

FORGIVENESS: To continue the conversation

- ✦ Read either or both of these parables, and reflect upon what you notice and learn about forgiveness:

Matthew 18:15-35

Luke 7:36-50

- ✦ When have you experienced receiving forgiveness? How did that change you?
- ✦ As you dress this week, thank God for His forgiveness; pray that you will take steps on the journey to forgiveness as a follower of Jesus.
- ✦ Watch the movie *The Shack*, or read the book. There is much in it about forgiveness...and some powerful lines like: "Forgiveness is not about forgetting. It is about letting go of another person's throat." How does that speak to you?
- ✦ Spend some time near a cross, looking for cross shapes this week. Remember that the cross is about forgiveness. It is also about justice, truth, and sacrifice. It is about what God has done for our good and His glory. Thank the Lord for the power of the cross and forgiveness.