

# WOUNDED

*Forgiveness needs more than a*



## **Wounded: Part 3**

Small Group Material

Participant Guide

## ***The Greatest Fear***

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**Bottom Line:** Forgiveness requires a death.

**Study Verses:** Isaiah 53:7-9, John 20:13-17, John 12:12-19, Ephesians 2:1-10

### **Key Points**

- Forgiveness is hard because death is hard.
- His way is the way of resurrection.
- We have been created to live a life that has been resurrected.
- We have been called to live in relationships that are fueled by resurrection.
- For forgiveness to be felt something has to die.
- In the economy of God death is not the end, but a way for resurrection.
- In order to see God's way, our way has to die.
- Our forgiveness was bought by His blood.

## ENCOUNTER

- Why is forgiveness hard?
- What role does death and grieving play in forgiveness?
- What is the danger in expecting your relationships to go back to the way things were once forgiveness has been extended?

## FORMATION

- Read John 12:12-19 and Isaiah 53:7-9. What were the crowds expecting when Jesus made His way to Jerusalem? How did Jesus shatter their expectations?
- Read John 20:13-17. Why do you believe Jesus responded to Mary Magdalene in the way that He did? What did He want her to understand when He said, "Don't hold on to me."?
- Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How did God make a way for us to be restored and forgiven?

## EXPRESSION

*"In order for forgiveness to happen, something has to die. If you make a choice to forgive, you have to face the pain. You simply have to hurt."* -**Brene Brown**

- In what broken relationship are you clinging to the hope that it will return to the way it was before the offense occurred?
- What causes you to hesitate in letting go of the hope that things will return to the way they once were?
- What has to die so you can experience a resurrection in this relationship?
- What would it look like for you to grieve these things that are lost?