

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. When someone wrongs you, do you tend to hold a grudge or get over it quickly? How does that tendency affect your relationships?
- 2. Has your relationship with someone ever been affected by his or her bad blood with someone else? How did the person's bad blood make things difficult for you? What did you do?
- 3. When someone wrongs you, do you think it's realistic to "leave room for God's wrath"? Why or why not?
- 4. Read Romans 12:17–19 below. Think about a bad-blood relationship in your life. If you choose to trust God and move toward empathy and forgiveness, what do you think it might cost you?

Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. Romans 12:17–19

- 5. Is there someone you need to forgive—even if that person doesn't want your forgiveness? How do you think moving toward forgiveness might improve your quality of life and have a positive effect on your other relationships?
- 6. What is one thing you can do before the next session to take a step toward forgiveness in your bad-blood relationship? How can this group support you?