RF Reflection & Discussion Questions Forgiveness

Passage: Luke 11: 1-13

"Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us." (Luke 11:4)

- 1. What does this prayer teach us about the connection between receiving God's forgiveness and extending forgiveness to others?
- 2. Nelson Mandela endured deep injustice yet chose forgiveness over bitterness. In what ways does his story challenge or inspire us in how we respond to those who hurt us?
- 3. The text says true justice happens when the offender tells the truth, apologizes, and accepts consequences. How do you see forgiveness and justice working together (or sometimes in tension) in real life?
- 4. Forgiveness is described as more about releasing ourselves than excusing the offender. How do you respond to that idea? Can you think of examples where forgiveness set someone free, even if reconciliation wasn't possible?