SIX: THE COMPASSIONATE DECISION I will greet this day with a forgiving spirit.

- 1. Why do you need to forgive yourself? How do you do it?
- 2. How do you forgive someone who has hurt you very deeply?

 How are your emotions involved in that act?
- 3. Have you ever asked someone for forgiveness? Was it hard?

 Is there someone you need to ask forgiveness of now?
- 6. What is the Biblical basis for forgiveness to us as believers?
- 4. What does forgiveness have to do with compassion?
- 7. What is the attitude of your local church to unbelievers? Compassion? Caring? Forgiving? Other?
- 5. How can we create a spirit of compassion in our church members? How can we become known as a "compassionate" church?

Things to pray about.

Lord, give me a forgiving spirit. Remove my anger and resentment.

Show me how to forgive even those who do not ask for forgiveness.

Every time someone criticizes me, let forgiveness be my first response.

Let me greet every day with a forgiving spirit, remembering how much you have forgiven me of.

Show me how I can help my church, my fellow believers, be known for their compassion.