

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

The Unapologetic Apology: Saying “I’m Sorry” Well

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Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of some times that you’ve been on the receiving end of an unapologetic apology? Share how it made you feel.
2. One type of unapologetic apology is when someone is not sorry for doing what they did, but only sorry that someone took offense at what they did. Do you ever find yourself saying, “I’m sorry if I offended you?” What steps will you follow the next time someone says you’ve hurt them?
3. The other type of unapologetic apology is when someone goes ahead and does something without permission and asks for forgiveness later. Do you ever find you want a particular outcome bad enough to take that approach? What is at the root of this behaviour? Why do people intentionally do this?
4. Unapologetic apologies will hinder your work as a ministry leader because they don’t mend a relationship; they leave the other person feeling even more hurt by your offence. Are you committed to apologizing sincerely as necessary to increase trust and enhance your leadership capability?