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### **About the Investigator and His Work in Forgiveness**

**Dr. Everett L. Worthington, Jr.** has studied forgiveness originally deriving from his clinical work with couples and families. Working with Michael McCullough and Steven Sandage, when they were graduate students, he collaboratively developed models of promoting forgiveness that could be applied in a psychoeducational group setting. His model has been often tested and found effective in psychoeducational group settings, and meta-analyses have supported its efficacy. He worked with Jennifer Ripley when she was a graduate student to develop a psychoeducational enrichment group to promote forgiveness with couples, and that later was modified into a more comprehensive model to promote forgiveness and reconciliation. The John Templeton Foundation awarded him a grant to test that model prior to the RFP in 1998, and he was asked to co-chair the RFP and serve as Executive Director of *A Campaign for Forgiveness Research*, which subsequently raised money to fund and then administered grants under the Campaign. Dr. Worthington continued his research with colleagues Jack W. Berry, Nathaniel Wade, and Charlotte Witvliet and others to examine the social psychology, personality, developmental psychology, and physical and mental health aspects of forgiving.

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