

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

David: The Life of a King

Week 6: Forgiving Others

2 Samuel 16:5-14; 2 Samuel 19:18-23;
1 Kings 2:8-46

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Forgiveness is hard ... but we weren't made to carry the weight of the sin of other people. This week, we're taking a look at King David's life and the prime example of how he was able to forgive someone who had wronged him.

Kicking It Off: If you could be transformed into one scary animal for a day, which animal would you choose?

Discussion:

1. Jeff described the most dangerous "predatory" species for humans as other humans. In what ways can people be scary and hurtful to others?
2. Principle #1 in forgiving others is to **Endure Mistreatment Heroically**. How did King David demonstrate this in his life? How do you think God is honored when we walk the path of enduring hardships faithfully, with dignity?
3. Jeff noted an important distinction between drawing a boundary and enduring mistreatment. What are some examples where a boundary could be appropriate, or even necessary?
4. In practical terms, what does it mean to "bury the hatchet" in our relationships? As a group, brainstorm some creative ways to tangibly live out Principle #2: **Love Your Enemy**.
5. Read Romans 12:19. What are the benefits behind Principle #3? **Let God Repay** any wrongdoing.

"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." (NIV)

6. What might the impact be in our world if every believer handled bitterness and pursued justice like Jesus instructed us?
7. What are some possible barriers we can experience in living out these principles? How can your group pray for you to overcome any fears or negative experiences you have in forgiving others?

Wrapping It Up: Read Psalm 103:8-12 for reminders of how far God has gone to forgive us. To close, ask God to help personally reveal any sins that need your forgiveness, and pray for each member of your group to go above and beyond in forgiving others.