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Three Truths About Revenge

1. **I**_____ are **I**_____

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows."
John 16:33

2. Our **D**_____ to see **J**_____ is **U**_____

[8]When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed?"
1 Samuel 24:19

3. What we do with that **D**_____ is **C**_____

"Now's your opportunity!" David's men whispered to him. "Today the Lord is telling you, 'I will certainly put your enemy into your power, to do with as you wish.'"
1 Samuel 24:4

"So David restrained his men and did not let them kill Saul."
1 Samuel 24:7

What seems like God's **P**_____

May be God's **T**_____

Finding Power To Forgive - 1 Samuel 22 & 24

Three Truths About Forgiveness

1. Forgiveness is **P**_____

2. Forgiveness is a **P**_____

3. Forgiveness is **P**_____

Memory Verse

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 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."
Romans 12:18-19

Take Away:

Who do I need to _____?

What do I need to _____ _____?

MY NEXT STEP IS TO. . .

- ○ Accept Jesus' offer of forgiveness for the first time
- ○ Memorize Romans 12:18-19
- ○ Ask God to help me to release those who have wronged me
- ○ Get the most out of today's teaching by attending my Life Group this week

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Discussion Questions - Week #4

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW
Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, “Finding Power To Forgive,” summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED
- Think of the movies or books that tell stories of revenge. Which is your favorite? Why do you think we are drawn to these types of stories?

- In the message this weekend, Pastor Rick shared that forgiveness is a process. What are ways we can help the process to forgive someone who has wronged us?

DIGGING DEEPER
1. One of Jesus' most challenging commands is found in Luke 6:27-36. Read the passage together. What stands out to you?

What do you think loving our enemies looks like today?

Is “loving your enemies” the same thing as “doing what they want you to do”? Why, or why not?

Is there someone that God is challenging you to love in this season of your life?

What is one practical step can you take to obey Jesus' teaching to love them this week?

2. In Matthew chapter six, the disciples ask Jesus for a lesson on prayer. He responds by teaching what we've come to call the Lord's prayer. Read Matthew 6:9-15. Jesus suggests this is how we should pray regularly. How often do your prayers incorporate asking for forgiveness?

If by turning to Jesus we are forgiven freely, fully, and forever, why must we pray for forgiveness daily?

Verse 12 assumes that we have already forgiven others and then asks God to forgive us in the same way. How comfortable are you in asking God to use the same standard in forgiving you that you use to forgive others? Explain.

How is our willingness to forgive others related to God's forgiveness?

How can freely forgiving people point them to the type of God we serve?

TAKING IT HOME
- What is something you learned or were reminded of in the message that you need to keep before you this week?

- How can your group be praying for you to overcome the barriers that stand in the way of you accepting God's forgiveness or offering forgiveness to others?

PRAYER REQUESTS