

This Facilitator Guide will help you lead conversation with your LIFE Group. Review the Guide beforehand, and test your audio/video setup if you plan to show the Recap Video. Note: [Brackets] indicate simple cues for you as a Facilitator, not necessarily to be read aloud. When you're ready, begin with the Conversation Starter.

CONVERSATION STARTER

What comes to mind when you think of revenge? What movies or TV shows are based on that subject? What books or songs, even games, are bent on vengeance?

Play the **Recap Video**. If you are unable to do so, move to the Discussion Questions.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1: We have all heard the phrase “forgive and forget.” But we also seem to know that it just doesn't work. How is “forgive and forget” an unreasonable practice of forgiveness?

Question 2: Jesus told Peter to forgive others more than seven times. He actually said, “Seventy times seven.” We understand that God wants us to forgive, but what makes it so hard?

Question 3: Read Matthew 18:32-35. How can our lack of forgiveness actually damage our relationship with God?

[Ungrateful for what God has done, lost sight of our own need, cut ourselves off from God]

Question 4: It becomes clear that forgiveness is something we need to give to others. But what is it actually like? Share a story of how you felt after you forgave someone else. What words best describe that experience?

CONVERSATION WRAP-UP

Challenge: Read Psalm 103:8-12. This is a picture of the forgiveness that God has given to us. Without giving specific details, is there someone that you need to forgive?

Plan it: With only one week left in Simplify, it's time to talk about what your group will do when the series ends. Another study? A new format? Whatever you choose, don't lose the momentum that has been building. Keep on growing together.