

LEADER PREP

BOTTOM LINE:

When you can't see the bigger picture, choose to forgive.

SCRIPTURE:

GEN 40:5-8; 20-23

GOAL OF GROUP:

To encourage students to take steps toward forgiving those who have hurt or wronged them.

THINK ABOUT THIS:

Your students may open up about a number of ways they feel they've been wronged or hurt. Some of the things may be seemingly small and inconsequential to you, while others may be obviously big and heavy. Either way, remember that these things are a big deal to your few, so be careful not to dismiss what they're sharing or how they're feeling just because it seems like an obviously small offense to you. Remind your few that as they're sharing about ways they may have been wronged or hurt, they should avoid using names or talking about others in a negative way. And if a student does open up about a hurt or wrong they've experienced that needs more attention (for example, abuse), follow up quickly and keep in mind that for them, forgiveness will be a much bigger and more complicated process.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

This guide is a suggestion and not a formula. Adjust questions as needed.

GUIDELINES:

*Leader: DON'T FORGET TO RECORD ZOOM CALL.

Confidentiality/No Cross Talk/No Rescuing/Use Humor Responsibly/USE "I" Statements /Give Everyone A Chance to Share/ ****FEEL FREE TO ADD "ZOOM" specific rules-** I.E. keep your camera on the whole time, mute mic when not speaking.

JUST FOR FUN:

What's the craziest example of getting back at someone that you've seen in a movie or TV show?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Transition: I've never done anything like that, but I've definitely been tempted to get back at someone who has wronged me! Haven't we all?

1. What's one example of a situation where a MS or HS student may be tempted to get back at someone? (SGL: Avoid letting your students focus on specific names or people here!)
2. Why do you think people want to get back at someone when they've been hurt or wronged?
3. How do you think most people *think* they'll feel when they get back at someone who's hurt them?
4. How do you think most people *actually* feel when they get back at someone who's hurt them?
5. How might choosing forgiveness help...
 - a) You?
 - b) Your family?
 - c) Your friendships?
 - d) Your relationship with God?

NEXT WEEK STORY: **TBA (possible game night)**

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