



## Discussion Gu'de

*"what to forgive"*

03/28/21



*we forgive **totally** because revenge doesn't **satisfy***

## The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- At mc3, God Moments are a chance for us to *be intentional* about noticing what God is doing in our lives—try to use your week to notice these moments to share in Pr'me. Go around your group and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week?
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point: **Luke 23:33-34a**.\*
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- If you rode a bus as a child, share your best “school bus story”?
- Before we look at revenge in *our* lives, it’s important that we establish some things about Jesus. Read these passages, then discuss:
  - ***Jesus Felt the Pain!*** Read **Luke 23:33; Philippians 2:7; John 1:14a**. Why is it important for us that Jesus—being fully human (and fully God)—felt real pain? How does this add depth to His forgiveness?
  - ***Jesus Had the Power!*** Read **Matthew 26:50-53**. How does this remove excuses for taking revenge? How does it add *more* depth?
  - ***Jesus Had the Right!*** Read **Luke 23:13-16**. According to this would it have been wrong for Jesus to call on those angels? *Again*, how does His actual innocence add depth to His forgiveness?
  - ***Jesus Forgave***. Read **Luke 23:34a**. With all of the above as background, what is Jesus showing us about forgiveness here?
- Now that we have seen Jesus’ example of forgiveness over revenge, let’s look at how it matters in *our* lives: ***Don’t Throw Under The Bus***
  - ***Even If You’re in Pain ...because God is always up to something!***
    - Read **Genesis 37:12-28 & 50:14-21**. Why does pain tend to push us toward revenge? How did God use Joseph’s pain?
  - ***Even If You Have the Power ...because God’s way is always better!***
    - Read **1 Samuel 24:1-21**. What might we miss by “taking matters into your own hands”? Does “I can” always mean that “I should”?
  - ***Even If You Have the Right ...because you will stand out!***
    - Read **Matthew 5:38-45 & 5:16**. What was allowed by Jewish law here? Why would giving up our right to revenge stand out?
  - ***Just. Forgive. ...because you may change a life!***
    - Read **Romans 12:17-21**. How can forgiveness “overcome evil”? Why doesn’t revenge satisfy? Would forgiveness be easier if you knew that it would lead that person to Jesus? What if it DOES?
- This is our last meeting for the Winter Pr’me Cycle. What forgiveness step do you need to take over the next month? Pray for each other.