



Discussion
Gu'de

“THE ROT IN HATE”
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WHEN WE ALLOW **HATRED** IN OUR LIVES,
IT ROTS OUR ABILITY TO **UNDERSTAND FORGIVENESS**

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]
- We're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around 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? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**When We Allow Hatred in Our Lives,
It Rots Our Ability to Understand Forgiveness**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
misunderstanding football terms
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **Galatians 5:[19] 20**
The result of sin's control in our lives is clear. ...It also includes hatred and fighting (v. 20, NIRV)

The Reflection (required)

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

• Is there a sport that you've tried to figure out and you just don't get it?

- **LEADERS:** From the left column of the chart below, read the **first** "Hatred Says" statement, & encourage your group to be vulnerable:
 - Discuss: Have any of you ever said that? What did that look like?
 - Then read the right-hand, related "Jesus Says" statement and verse.
 - How can this statement/verse be applied to your [above] situation?
- Once most of your group has shared as they are comfortable, move on to the next "Hatred Says" statement and repeat.

Hatred Says:	Jesus Says:
• "You're My Enemy, I Hate You"	• "Love Your Enemies" –Matthew 5:43-47
• "I'll Get you Back!"	• "Forgive Them" –Luke 23:33-34
• "I'm Disappointed"	• "Stop Bitterness Before It Starts" –Hebrews 12:14-15
• "I Hate Myself"	• "You're Treasured" –Matthew 10:29-31
• "They Keep Messing Up!"	• "Give 'Em a Break!" –Colossians 3:13
• "I Forgave Them Once"	• "Do It Again" –Matthew 18:21-22
• "I Love God"	• "You're A Liar!" –1 John 4:20-21
• "I Hate You Because You Hurt Me"	• "I Died for You When You Hurt Me" –Romans 5:8

- Read Galatians 5:24-25. To deal with *rotten* sin in our lives we:
 - **Admit It:** Do you need to confess to Jesus some hatred in your life?
 - **Kill It:** How will you forgive them...for real?
 - **Leave It:** How can you see your "enemies" the way the Holy Spirit sees them?

Green Questions: Have a few people answer these, then **GO!** to the next question
Red Questions: **STOP!** on these and **take time** to have many people discuss