

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Relationships & Jesus (& Jesus #2)

Week of Apr 15, 2018

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Would you rather never be able to speak again or never be able to stop talking?
Why?

DISCUSSION

1. a. Has there been a time when you held on to anger toward an individual or wanted revenge on someone? (If you feel comfortable enough, share the story with your group.)

b. Why do anger & revenge seem to be common emotions and actions with humans?

Read Romans 12:9-21

2. a. What "negative" commands (commands that tell us what NOT to do) do you see in this passage?



b. What "positive" commands (commands that tell us what TO do) do you notice?

c. Which of these commands, whether negative or positive, surprises you most?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

3. a. Of the commands given in Romans 12:9-21, which would help you right now the most with a specific relationship?

b. Of the commands given in today's passage, which is most difficult for you to live out?

c. How does the gospel empower us to fulfill all of the commands in these 13 verses?

MEMORY VERSE

This week, we recommend memorizing the verse(s) in Romans 12:9-21 that God is showing you is most needed in your life. For example, if you are struggling with forgiveness, memorize Romans 12:17-19. If you realize you have been pretty self-focused lately, memorize Romans 12:10. If you have an "enemy" at work or school, memorize Romans 12:14.

PRAYER

Close in prayer by asking God to help you love like Jesus loved.

