



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**PART 2: How Far Are You Willing to Go?    DATE: 09-20-2020**

## START

We all enjoy a good revenge story. In movies, we cheer for the hero/heroine as they seek revenge against the person/group that brought harm into their lives. What we don't see in the movies is the long-term effect revenge has on the person who enacts it. If we are honest, we all have a revenge story against someone or some group. Maybe it's a coworker, family member, or opposing political group; and we continue to be honest we know that revenge can lead to regret.

- What's your favorite revenge story?
- How does revenge lead to retaliation and then lead to regret?
- Have you experienced regret after you have gotten revenge?

## READ

[Matthew 5:39](#) (NIV)

But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.

## THINK

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'eye for eye, and tooth for tooth...'" This is often our go to when someone hurts us. To seek revenge and deal a punishment that is equal to the crime. We think there are two choices when it comes to those who oppress us; submission (that's just the way things are), or fight back (get revenge). However, Jesus provides a third way that is driven by love.

- How do you normally react to someone who has treated you badly?
- How does Jesus's examples bring equality between the victim and the oppressor?

Jesus's three examples help us to see our need to reject revenge and reflect the heart of God to those that cause us harm, and at the same time helps us to see everyone is made in God's image so that we can transform our actions when we are tempted to inflict harm.

- What are some creative ways we can love those who hurt us?
- How can we better reflect God's heart in our communities when it comes to oppression?

## PRAY

Ask God to help you reflect his heart instead of seeking revenge.

## ACT

This week, if you experience hurt against you from someone else, decide how you can reflect God's heart in love instead of seeking revenge.

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