Life Group Questions and Message Notes

- 1. Do you struggle with getting back at people who hurt you?
- 2. Why do we judge other's actions by assumed intent, but expect them to know our heart?
- 3. How do I prepare myself to forgive others in the future? How can I be ready?

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"... forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us." Matthew 6:12 (NLT)

"Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many." Hebrews 12:15 (NLT)

"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

"Rather, let our lives lovingly express truth in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly. Enfolded in love, let us grow up in every way and in all things into Him Who is the Head, even Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One." Ephesians 4:15 (Ampl.)

"Then Peter came to Him and asked, 'Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?' 'No, not seven times,' Jesus replied, 'but seventy times seven!'" Matthew 18:21-22 (NLT)

"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't. I do what I don't want to—what I hate. ... I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make myself do right. I want to but I can't. When I want to do good, I don't; and when I try not to do wrong, I do it anyway." Romans 7:15; 18-19 (TLB)

"So you see how it is: my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. Oh, what a terrible predicament I'm in! Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature? Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free." Romans 7:24-25 (TLB)

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...." James 5:16a (NIV)