

# Group Discussion

## INTRODUCTION

“An eye for an eye!”: does the Bible really say that we can seek revenge? What would change in our lives if our thoughts, actions, and feelings were based on what the Bible actually says instead of what we think it says?

## GETTING STARTED

1. If you had to work, but didn't need the money, what would you choose to do and why?

## FROM THE SERMON

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, confused you, or challenged you?
3. Read Exodus 21:23 & Matthew 5:38-47. Which of Jesus' examples do you find hardest to follow? Do you find it hard to pray for those who hurt you, and if so why? How did Jesus reform the way His followers were to handle revenge (Matthew 5:44-47)?
4. Read James 3:9-12; 4:11-12. Why are the words we use such a dangerous form of vengeance? Share about a time when someone slandered you or cursed your name. Who else was affected? Did you retaliate? How long did it take for you to heal and forgive?
5. Read Romans 12:14-21. List and discuss the different ways Paul instructs us away from carrying out vengeance. What do you think Paul meant by saying that “we are placing burning coals on their heads” when we choose to love our enemies (vs. 20)?
6. What are you hearing from the Holy Spirit right now?

## NEXT STEPS

7. What will you do with this new truth or spiritual insight as revealed by the Holy Spirit?
8. Take time to pray together.