

5. Is there currently a relationship in which you are tempted to repay evil with evil? In the future, what story do you want to tell about this period of your life when it's just a story to tell?

6. When you are wronged, what can you do to follow your heavenly Father's example of returning good for evil? How can this group support you?



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Scripture References

1 Samuel Chapters 23-25 • Deuteronomy 32:35

1 Peter 3:9-11 • Matthew 5:43-45

Prayer Requests

- 1) The problem with getting even is that it makes you even with someone you don't even like.

- 2) God's plan is to take us above our natural response to life, and move us into the supernatural: the realm of Godly behavior.

- 3) The pleasure we get from the hope of revenge is not worth the pain of reliving the hurtful event.

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4) What kind of stories about you will be passed down to your grandchildren, your great-grandchildren?

5) Three characters:

Nabal: Returns evil for good. He's Despicable

David: Returns evil for evil. He's Predictable.

Abigail: Returns good for evil. She's Remarkable.

6) Give a blessing to those who insult you, and receive a blessing from God himself. (1 Peter 3:9-11)

7) God blesses people who don't deserve it. And we should do the same. (Matthew 5 43-45)

8) GBC's Action Statement:

"Inviting your world to experience God's Grace."

9) Every time someone hurts you, you have an opportunity to let them experience God's Grace, as you show blessing instead of the revenge they expect.



Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

(Questions adapted from North Point Community Church, Atlanta GA.)

1. How competitive are you? How does your level of competitiveness affect your relationships at work and with your friends and family?
2. Has anyone ever gotten even with you after you wronged him or her in some way? If so, what happened?
3. Read 1 Peter 3:9. Does the idea of blessing those who wrong you seem realistic? Why or why not?
4. Read 1 Samuel 25:14–42. Which character in this story do you most relate? Why?

(Continued on reverse)