



RED LETTER CHALLENGE

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

LESSON 2

CONNECT

1. What is a new insight or encouragement you have found in participating in the 'Red Letter Challenge' so far?
2. There is a common phrase that goes, 'revenge is sweet.' Why can it feel so sweet? What is the risk of revenge? Has revenge ever left you feeling empty in a way you did not expect?

Watch *Red Letter Challenge Video for Week 3 - Forgiving*

3. How would you define forgiveness? Where did you come up with that definition and what shaped your view of forgiveness?
4. How is forgiveness different from excusing what people have done or just avoiding their actions?
5. What is a reason or circumstance where someone might choose not to forgive? Who gets hurt in that circumstance and does knowing that impact our decision?

Read *Luke 6:37-42*

6. Christians are often referred to as hypocrites. Is that fair? From these verses, what role might forgiveness play in this?
7. Nobody knows you better than you know yourself. So how then is it easiest to point to the sin in someone else's life opposed to identifying your own?
8. What steps can someone take in identifying his or her own mistakes? How can that lead to someone becoming a more forgiving person themselves?

Watch *Red Letter Challenge Video for Week 4 - Serving*

9. In the video, we see Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, which reveals that the greatest need for fulfillment in this world is when our Transcendence Needs (helping other achieve their potential) are met. If we agree this is the case, how does this shape how we view our life and how we interact with others?



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10. How are we able to learn about someone's need? How can we make ourselves more available to meet those needs?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

11. God's Word reveals that our purpose is to serve God by serving others. Do you feel like you are fulfilling your God-given purpose for serving? Explain.
12. What does it mean that we have a 'God-given purpose' in our serving? What responsibility do we have then?
13. What are you naturally good at doing? How can God be glorified through those talents, skills, or abilities (do not be shy about bragging)?
14. Jesus said, 'If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles' (Matthew 5:41). When was a time that you might have gone the extra mile for someone? What did it mean to him or her? What did it do for you?
15. Who is someone you know, whether an individual or a group, that is living out their God-given purpose?

CLOSING THOUGHT AND PRAYER

'If a man wants to be used by God, he cannot spend all of his time with people.'

- A.W. Tozer

- Pray for you and your group to receive God's forgiveness and to make each of you more forgiving of those around you.
- Pray for God to reveal purpose in the lives of your group and fill them with a spirit of service.

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