

Reviewing the Sunday Message: rGroup Guide

THE PURSUIT – 4 X 7 CAMPUS PASTORS "Forgiveness"

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A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God and people.

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Recite the Do Something Disciple Prayer

"As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of the Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making disciples that make disciples.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

"Father, with Christlikeness as my goal and the Holy Spirit as my Guide, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations, and desires. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Sermon Application:

In their 4 X 7 messages, the Campus Pastors focused on the theme of forgiveness as a means of getting freedom. The pastors all preached from 2 Samuel and gave examples of how we can apply forgiveness in our lives.

Sermon Application Questions:

- 1. Do you choose to forgive? Do you take action to forgive others? How can this commitment affect you? (Reference 2 Samuel 14:24 David and Absalom.)
- When offenses come to you, choose to be *empowered* by God instead of having *power* over others? Discuss the difference between being "right" and being "righteous." (Reference 2 Samuel 19:18-20)
- 3. When you get off-track, forgiveness works. (Reference 2 Samuel 16) Discuss the following statements and how these experiences affect your life:
 - a. Forgiveness sets you free.
 - b. Forgiveness sets you forward.
 - c. Forgiveness sets you before Jesus.
- 4. In 2 Samuel 1 we see the death of King Saul. King Saul was a man led by his own flesh while David was a man who followed God's leading. Is God telling you someone that you are supposed to forgive? Who is it? In your group connect with one or two other people and share how you will forgive that person this week.

Next Steps:

Invite your family and friends to our Easter services. For more information visit: <u>www.sdrock.com/easter</u>

Weekly Memory Verse: 2 Samuel 14:14 (NKJV) *"For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him."*

<u>Monthly Memory Verse: 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)</u> "And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my [a]territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So, God granted him what he requested."