

Graystone Small Groups
Discussion Guide
Week of 3.24.13
Family Wars (part 4) - Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs

Idea for the Week

We all, at times, are wronged or hurt by people who love us. What are we to do with that hurt? How are we to handle it? This week's discussion will address these tough questions.

Intro Questions

1. Every family has a crazy person... Who is it in your family? (If you can't think of one, it's probably you!)
2. Every family has arguments. What's the silliest argument you can remember being in with your family?

Review Questions

3. What do you think is our natural reaction or tendency when someone wrongs us or our family?

Read 1 John 4:7-11

4. Based on this passage, what do you think our reaction to being hurt or wronged should be?

Choose love.

Read Luke 6:28

5. What are some things we can do to love those who have hurt us?

There are plenty of things we can do, but try to suggest praying for those people as a great step in the right direction.

6. Why do you think praying for our "enemies" can help us as much as it can help them?

Read Matthew 6:14-15

7. What do you think it means to truly forgive someone?

Application Questions

8. Why do you think forgiveness is so tough?

9. Do you have anyone in your life that you carry a grudge against? Is there someone who you feel requires your forgiveness over and over again?

Read Matthew 18:21-22

10. What are we to do with those people who require extra forgiveness or against whom we hold a grudge.

Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

11. We said at the beginning that we should choose love. According to this verse, what characterizes love?

12. What do you think it means to keep no record of wrongs?

13. Does anyone have a long record that they need to get rid of? Can we pray with you about that?