



Community Group Discussion Guide

October 5, 2014

Week 7 | Don't Play Fair
Luke 6:32-35

Introduction

This week we are looking at Principle 7 - Don't Play Fair. That sounds mean on first read but the truth behind it is powerful.

When it comes to relationships this principle is a game changer. Jesus had some very insightful things to say about this principle!

Questions for Study

1. Think of an example when you were wronged and you gave the person back the same kind of thing they gave you.
2. Our title this week is: "Don't Play Fair". Playing fair means when someone does good to you, you return it with good or when someone wrongs you and you wrong them in return. If you've been in this vicious cycle (as we all have), what does it take to get above it?
3. Would you agree with the following statement: "If you want to destroy all of the relationships in your life all you need to do is: "play fair"?"
4. Do you ever have an inner drive to "get even", to "settle the score"? Where will this lead you? Describe the kind of life a person who seeks to "give" more than they receive will reap.
5. Instead of exchanging "fair for fair", "good for good", "evil for evil" how are we called to rise above that? Read Matthew 18:21-35 and Luke 6:32-35. If in one word you had to say how we are being instructed to respond, what would it be?
6. What is the difference between being a "doormat" and being the kind of person Jesus calls us to be? In some instances how do "boundaries" need to come into play for the good of both parties?
7. Describe how "forgiveness" plays into this discussion and may be a necessary step.
8. Read Romans 12:17-21. Summarize in a couple of sentences what these verses are saying and how it applies to you.
9. Getting practical – In what relationship(s) in your life could this principle of "Don't Play Fair" be most beneficial?