

Growth Group Homework
For the week of October 26th 2025

Getting Started: Get to know each other

Pastor Dave told a story about forgetting Valentine's Day and wishing for a "do-over." Be honest: what's a small "I wish I could redo that" moment from your life?

The Message: 2 Samuel 14:1-20

Why is it that RECONCILIATION is such a struggle for us all?

Point 1. _____(v. 1-11)

Point 2. _____(v. 12-20)

Big Idea. _____

1. David was willing to show mercy in someone else's situation, but not in his own family. Why do you think it's so much easier to talk about forgiveness in theory than to practice it with people who actually hurt us?

2. In the sermon, pastor Dave highlighted this phrase from verse 14: "God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast." What is the context of this statement and what does it teach about God's redemptive nature?

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3. In the woman's parable, she says, "Let the king invoke the Lord your God." Why is the name of the Lord invoked when mercy is sought? What does this tell us about where true mercy originates?

4. How does remembering your own reconciliation with God through Christ change the way you think about reconciling with others?

5. Have you ever experienced a moment where God had given you the strength and compassion needed to forgive someone whom you thought you could never forgive? What was that experience like for you?

6. In what ways has God been softening your heart over time? How can you discern the difference between a "soft heart" that is Christlike and a "soft heart" that merely avoids conflict for comfort?

APPLICATION QUESTION:

Take a minute to think and pray. Where is there reconciliation needed in your life? What steps can you take this week to move towards reconciliation? If there are no strained relationships in your life, then how can you encourage others in your life to move towards reconciliation in their relationships with people and God?
