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Mission Group Discussion Questions

Series: Developing Godly Character
Title: Pursuing Reconciliation
Passage: 1 Samuel 25:14-35
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Discussion Starter – Recall a time over the past week or two when you didn't get the response you wanted. How did you react?

Read 1 Samuel 25:14-23

1. David responds to the report from his messengers by gathering 400 men to go to kill Nabal and all of his men. What did David conclude about the situation that made him feel justified in responding the way he did? (vv. 21-22)

2. David believed the lie that all he had done for Nabal had been in vain. How did this false belief cause him to lose sight of God and His purposes for his life?

3. Think of a situation in your own life where your faithfulness is not recognized or appreicated and you are tempted to believer your efforts are a waste of time and energy. Explain how God is using your faithfulness to accomplish His purpose in your life.

4. What other emotions did David experience that led to his deicison to take matters into his own hands?

5. Have you experienced conflict this week? Put how you responded under the light of Romans 12:17-21 and Philippians 2:3-4. What could you have done better? What did you do well?

6. Upon hearing that David was coming in vengeance, what did Abigail do? (vv. 18-20)

7. Are you willing to meet people where they are and take the first step toward reconciliation, even when you are not the one who caused the offense?

Read 1 Samuel 25:24-31

8. What Christlike qualities does Abigail demonstrate in the way she communicates with David?

9. What was David's response to Abigail?

10. Have you experienced a time when, like Abigail, you pursued reconciliation with humility, respect, and godly wisdom, and saw God turn the situation around? What happened?

11. If you initiate reconciliation in a humble and respectful way, bring the Lord into the situation, and the other person does not respond as David did, what do you do then? Read Romans 12:18 and Ephesians 2:10.