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WHO'S AT YOUR TABLE?
 Discussion Guide

SERMON SUMMARY

When we entertain offense at the table of our minds, it may soon be joined by unforgiveness, bitterness, hate, and revenge. It can infect and affect every relationship in our lives. Pastor Daniel Floyd reminds us that we cannot go through life without an opportunity to be offended, but we can choose to get offended or not when we resist reacting, see the good, and both extend and remember God's grace. When we extend forgiveness to others, we are the ones set free.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Proverbs 19:11
- Proverbs 141:3
- James 4:1-2
- Mark 3:25
- Romans 3:23 (NLT)
- Mark 11:25
- Ephesians 4:26-27
- Philippians 4:8
- Romans 12:19-21
- 1 John 4:8-11 (MSG)

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- When have you offended someone in the past? How did they respond? How did you respond?
- Looking back, how has offense contaminated you or your relationships?
- How can you resist taking the bait of offense?
- Do you draw out the bad or the good in people? How do you know?
- How can you be a treasure hunter for good instead of for negative?
- Describe God's grace. When have you shown that grace to others?

APPLICATION IDEAS

- How we are offended:
 1. Poor communication (Psalm 141:3)
 2. Unmet expectations (James 4:1-2)
 3. Despising differences (Mark 3:25)
 4. Sinful nature (Romans 3:23 NLT)

- How to deal with offense:
 1. Resist reacting. (Ephesians 4:26-27)
 2. Choose to see the good. (Philippians 4:8)
 3. Extend God's grace. (Romans 12:19-21)
 4. Remember God's grace. (1 John 4:8-11 MSG)

GO DEEPER

Additional ideas for a deeper study of the sermon topic.

- Mark 11:35 quotes Jesus saying, "And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." Meditate on what this verse means in your daily life this week. How will you live out forgiveness in light of God's forgiveness?

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Spend a few minutes to write out the prayer Pastor Daniel suggested: "Today, I choose to forgive _____ for _____. And today I'm done rehearsing their offense." Commit to one another to pray a blessing over those who have offended you every time their name or their offense comes to mind again.

LEADER TIPS

- Prayer is powerful. Pray for God to lead you and your group members before your group gathering starts, during the meeting, when it ends, and throughout the week. "Pray continually." (1 Thessalonians 5:17)