

**Speaker: Pastor Tim Nalley**  
**Let's Talk part 4**  
**How to Deal With Difficult People**  
*~Living In Forgiveness~*

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend

[Romans 12:18]

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.*

**1. We Need to see difficult people from Gods perspective:**

[Romans 3:23]

*For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.*

[Luke 6:27-31]

*"But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

[Luke 6:32-36]

*“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

## **2. Control your internal conversation**

## **3. Walk in Freedom Through Forgiveness**

[Matthew 18:23-24]

*“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him.*

[Matthew 18:25-33]

*“But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. So the slave fell to the ground ..., saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.’ “And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt. “But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay back what you owe.’ So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, ‘Have patience with me and I will repay you.’ “But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed. “So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. Then summoning him, his lord said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ‘Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’*

## **DISCUSSION THOUGHTS**

- 1. Have you ever had to deal with a difficult person? Would you care to share (leave out the names please)**
- 2. Why is it so difficult to view these people through Gods eyes?**

- 3. Spend some time identifying the labels you have given the difficult people in your life and then study them through Gods eyes and give them a new label, a label God would give them.**
- 4. What can you do to help you remember that new label?**
- 5. How can you change the internal conversation from a toxic one to a life giving one?**
- 6. Do you still need to forgive someone in your life? Is your unforgiveness keeping you from walking in freedom? Spend some time praying with each other and releasing yourself from the bitterness and bondage of unforgiveness.**