

# VENGEANCE

## VENGEANCE Part 1: Revenge or Avenge?

### INTRODUCTION

Hurt happens. Each of us either has been hurt, is currently hurting, or will be hurt. And something inside us says, "This is wrong." We want the people who hurt us to pay. In this message, John Woodall explains what the Bible says about our desire for vengeance and how we're supposed to handle it.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think of movies or books that tell stories about vengeance. Why are we drawn to them? Why do you like them?
2. In the message, John said that our desire for vengeance is God-given. Is that a new idea to you? How does it change the way you think about vengeance?
3. Think about your past responses to hurt. Do you take vengeance by withdrawing from, belittling, or holding a grudge against the person who hurt you? Or do you suppress your emotions? Were you aware of your ways of taking vengeance before hearing the message?
4. Are you responsible for hurting someone else? What can you do to reconcile with that person?
5. Read Romans 12:19. What does it mean to "leave room for God's wrath"? How would that change the way you respond to someone who hurts you?

### MOVING FORWARD

Who has hurt you? Who do you want to pay back in the worst way? What do you need to do to hand over to God vengeance against that person?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

**Deuteronomy 31:8**