

Battleground

“ How to Manage Conflict Using God's Approach - Part 1 ”

1. It Starts with Self-Examination v. 1

2. Let Go of Having to Win v. 2a



Grow Group Discussion Questions

A grow group is 8-16 people who get together weekly to study God's word and the previous Sunday's message. There is a time of discussion, support, encouragement, and learning how the message applies to daily life. **PCC uses the ESV (English Standard Version).**

HOW DO I JOIN A GROUP?

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Point #1

- Why will relational conflict always be a part of everyday life? How does James 4:1 support this truth?
- Why is "self-examination" an important part of conflict management? What can happen if you don't self-examine?
- What is your natural tendency when it comes to fights and conflict? How do you need to apply Point #1?

Point #2

- What does James 4:2a say is the root cause of every quarrel or personal conflict? (i.e. "me first")
- How does this relate to Point #2? In what way will this help with conflict management? Give an example.
- How does Point #2 challenge your current approach and the way you disagree with others? Be specific.

Daily Devotions

These are provided for mid-week personal spiritual growth. Prayerfully writing out your answers will help you experience real life transformation as you dig deeper into the spiritual truths of God's word and today's message.

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MONDAY // Read James 4:1, 3:13-18, Matthew 7:3-5

- What does James highlight when it comes to the root of our battles and conflict with others? Be specific.
- Why is this important in order to navigate through conflict? What does this imply about self-examination?
- Explain how a disagreement is possible without conflict. In what way does this adjust your approach?

TUESDAY // Read James 4:1, 1 Corinthians 1:10-17, 3:1-3, 6:1-8, 2 Corinthians 12:20

- Describe the spiritual condition of the Corinthian church and how they lived out James 4:1.
- In what way could their fighting have been viewed as godly? How have you seen this take place today?
- What is the connection between an internal battle and an external battle? Why is this truth important?

WEDNESDAY // Read James 4:1, Ephesians 4:1-16, Philippians 4:1-3, 1 John 4:7-8

- Why is Christian unity such an important issue to God? What is at stake when this isn't happening?
- How does self-examination and taking personal responsibility first, help with conflict management?
- Describe a conflict you are currently having with another person. How can you apply James 4:1?

THURSDAY // Read James 4:1-2a, Romans 7:7-25, 12:3

- What does today's reading reveal about every Christian's internal battle? How does this relate to pride?
- How have you seen these internal battles become external and impact others? What was the result?
- What is God revealing to you about the need to win? What can you do to adjust your approach?

FRIDAY // Read James 4:1-2a, Luke 9:46-48

- Explain what the disciples were arguing about. How did Jesus respond? Why?
- In what way did their "me first" attitude contribute to the conflict? What does this imply about "winning"?
- How does James 4:2a reflect this same truth? How can you apply this in today's conflicted world?

SATURDAY // Read James 4:1-2a, Ephesians 4:1-6, Romans 12:18

- Why is it important for every Christian to take personal responsibility for conflict management?
- What happens when this doesn't take place? What is the natural temptation? Give a personal example.
- If unity is the mark of spiritual maturity, what is your spiritual condition? Take some time to pray about it.

MEDITATION VERSE: *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.*

James 4:1-2a