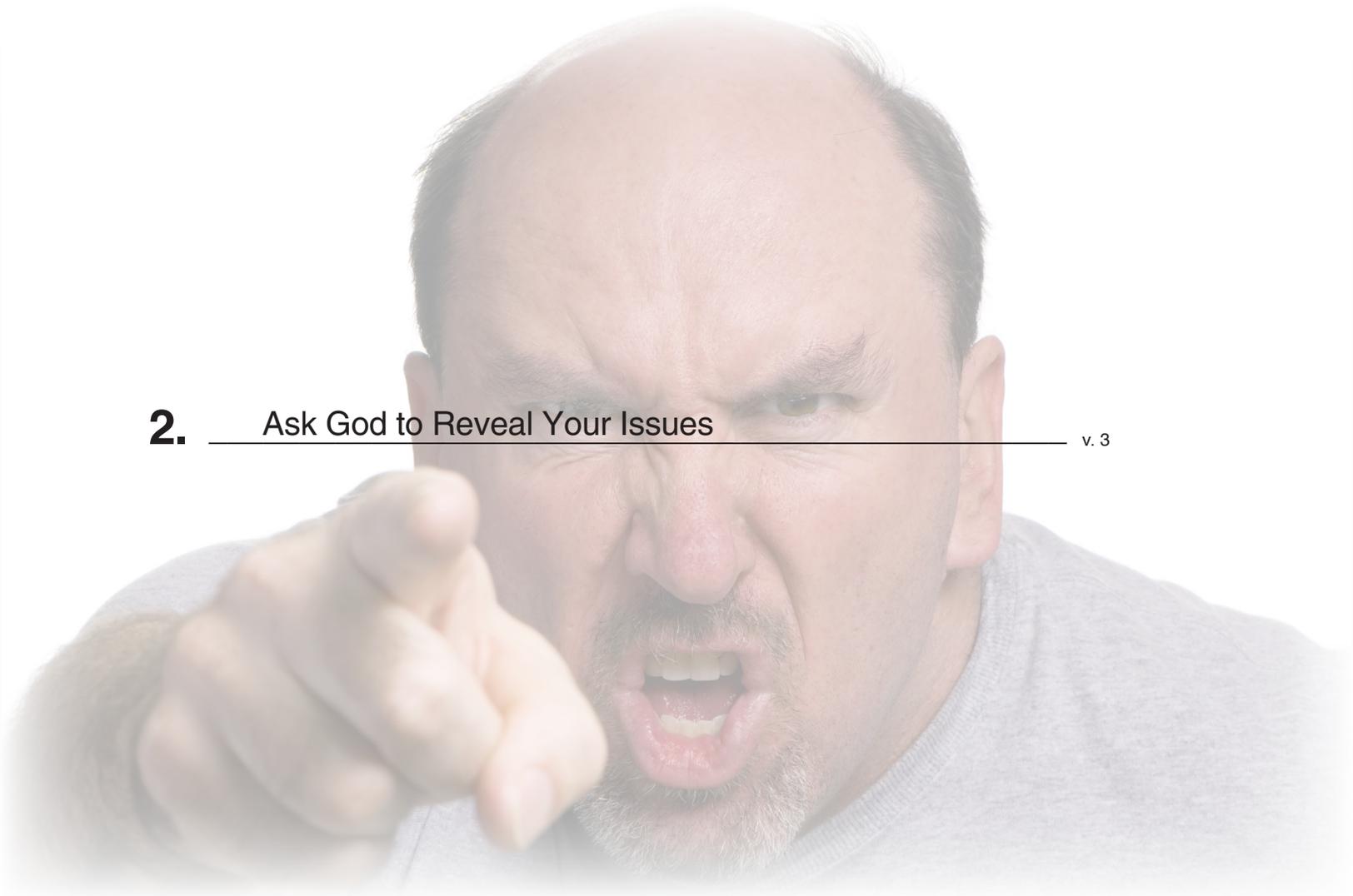


## Triggers

“ How to Manage Conflict Using God's Approach - Part 2 ”

**1.** Start Praying Immediately v. 2b

**2.** Ask God to Reveal Your Issues v. 3



# 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?

To learn more or join a group, visit [pacificcoastchurch.org/gg](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/gg)

### Point #1

- Read James 4:2b. What is implied about a person in relational conflict and conflict with God?
- Why is it important to understand that truth? How will stepping into Point #1 prevent this from happening?
- How is your prayer life typically affected in the midst of conflict? How will you begin applying Point #1?

### Point #2

- Read James 4:3. Explain the difference between praying and effectively praying. Why is this important?
- How does this relate to Point #2? Why is this also critical when it comes to conflict management?
- How can you fall into the James 4:3 trap? Give an example. Take time in group to pray for one another.

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## 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.

A downloadable PDF of this document is also available each week at [pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons](http://pacificcoastchurch.org/sermons).

### **MONDAY // Read James 4:2b, Romans 12:12, Colossians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 5:17**

- How often does scripture say Christians should be praying? Why is this important in relational conflict?
- What is at risk when this truth is overlooked? How do you typically respond to relational conflict?
- In what way will prayer help you manage the conflict? How is God prompting you to start right now?

### **TUESDAY // Read James 4:2b, Ephesians 3:20-21, 1 Corinthians 2:9**

- What does today's reading promise about prayer? Why should this be an encouragement?
- In what way have you underestimated the power of God in relational conflict? Why?
- How has today's reading provided hope with those you struggle with relationally? Be specific.

### **WEDNESDAY // Read James 1:5-7, 4:2b-3, Matthew 6:9-13, 1 Peter 3:7**

- Why does God want Christians to pray? What is the purpose? How can your motives impact your prayers?
- How does this relate to conflict management? Give an example of an ineffective prayer.
- How do you pray when in conflict with others? Why? How can you apply James 4:3 to your prayer time?

### **THURSDAY // Read James 4:3, Luke 18:9-14**

- What was Jesus teaching about prayer in Luke 18:9ff? How was this also illustrating James 4:3?
- What does this imply about an effective prayer life? What will happen if this isn't properly understood?
- In what way will this also help with conflict management? How will you avoid the James 4:3 trap?

### **FRIDAY // Read James 4:1-3, Colossians 2:16-23**

- Explain the issues facing the early church and what was causing Christians to relationally struggle in Col. 2:16.
- In what way do you see similar struggles within the church today? Be specific.
- How did James instruct Christians to manage this conflict? How do you need to apply this today?

### **SATURDAY // Read James 4:1-3**

- How can prayer help you keep your "passions at war" in check? How will this help your relationships?
- List the names of two people you currently struggle with. What do you think is the root of the struggle?
- Take time to pray about this, asking God to reveal the truth. Journal your experience and what you learned.

**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. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.*

**James 4:1-3**