

# Disruption

“ How to Manage Conflict Using God's Approach - Part 3 ”

**1.** Always Attempt to Resolve It v. 4

**2.** Monitor a Demeaning Attitude vv. 5-6



# 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 4:4. Explain how God views a worldly approach to conflict management. (i.e. adultery)
- How does this relate to Point #1? In what way does this challenge the way you've tolerated conflict?
- Why will loving others require conflict management? How do you need to step into Point #1 this week?

### Point #2

- Read James 4:5-6. Why is humility going to be the key for successful conflict management? Be specific.
- How does this relate to Point #2? How do you see "demeaning" others being a temptation today?
- Given this is ultimately pride, why will this promote conflict? How will you practice Point #2 this week?

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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 4:4, Jeremiah 3:1-14, Ephesians 5:22-33**

- Describe how God pictures His relationship with Israel. How does God's covenant with Israel relate?
- In what way is a Christian in the same covenant relationship with God? Why is this important?
- How does this elevate the way you have viewed your Christianity? (i.e. commitment, trust, adultery, etc.)

### **TUESDAY // Read James 4:4, John 17:6-19, 1 John 2:15-17, 2 Corinthians 6:14-17**

- What primary struggle will Christians face in today's divided world? What does it mean to be worldly?
- Why is spiritual adultery the result of being a friend of the world? How does it relate to managing conflict?
- Why is this so important to the Lord? How do you need to be more concerned about conflict with others?

### **WEDNESDAY // Read James 4:4, Luke 6:32-36, John 15:12-17, 1 John 4:7-8**

- Based on today's reading, what should be the way every Christian is identified? Be specific.
- In what way will this only be achieved by working through and managing conflict? Give an example.
- How does this adjust the way you should view today's divided world? How does God want you to change?

### **THURSDAY // Read James 4:5-6, John 18:12-24, Philippians 2:1-11, 1 Peter 5:5-6**

- Using Christ as your model, describe what it means to be humble. (e.g. use one-word descriptions)
- How will others play a part in you becoming more humble? How does this relate to conflict management?
- In what way will "demeaning" others prevent success? What is God teaching you about your attitude?

### **FRIDAY // Read James 4:6, Titus 2:11-12, Romans 8:6-9**

- Describe the meaning of God's "grace". How does it have multiple applications? (i.e. salvation, favor)
- How does God's grace work with humility? What is the alternative based on James 4:6?
- Why did James include this perspective in his discussion about conflict? How does this help you?

### **SATURDAY // Read James 4:6, 10, Matthew 5:21-24, John 18:1-11**

- In what way will stepping into conflict management require courage? How did Jesus model this truth?
- What does this imply about dependence on God rather than yourself? What does conflict avoidance imply?
- How "God dependent" are you when it comes to conflict management? What steps of faith will you take?

**MEDITATION VERSE:** *You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."* **James 4:4-6**